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In the Province of Ontario



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SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD IN THE CITY

of

GUELPH

July 20th and 21st, A. D., 1927, A. L. 5927



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GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Trenton on Thursday the nineteenth day of August, A.D., 1926, A.L. 5926.

There were present:—

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.....	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer.....	as Grand Junior Warden
V.W. Bro. Rev. W. G. Swayne.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. John Newton.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. C. H. Becker.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. J. W. Barlow.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. Col. S. S. Lazier.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. Geo. Sprentall.....	as Grand Pursuivant
As Grand Stewards:	
V.W. Bro. Geo. Collins; V.W. Bro. Morgan; R.W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald; R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Laycock	

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3.00 o'clock P.M. by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Trenton.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Nineteenth day of August, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926, in the Seventeenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Bro. W. E. Tummon being member for the Constituency of South Hastings in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

Bro. W. H. Ireland being member for the Constituency of West Hastings in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Wor. Bro. G. B. Airhart being Warden of the County of Hastings.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Francis E. Brown being District Deputy Grand Master of the Prince Edward Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Temple was laid by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, and residents of the Town of Trenton and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary."

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A .M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario.

 PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Port Colborne, on Friday the Tenth of December, A.D. 1926, A.L. 5926.

There were present:—

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. J. Wilson.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. C. D. Winn.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. G. S. MacDonald.....	as Grand Junior Warden
W.B. Bro. C. E. Steele.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. Q. A. Hicks.....	as Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. W. J. Freeman, Sr.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
R.W. Bro. Rev. Bro. Thompson.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. J. Cuthbert.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. DeW. Coster.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
R.W. Bro. C. J. Augustine.....	as Grand Pursuivant
As Grand Stewards:	
R.W. Bro. C. F. Walters and W. Bro. E. Muntz.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock P.M. by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Port Colborne Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Tenth day of December, A.D., 1926, A.L. 5926,
in the Seventeenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious
Sovereign

GEORGE V

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions be-
yond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor
of India.

His Excellency, Lord Willingdon, being Governor-
General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being Lieu-
tenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson being Premier of the
Province of Ontario.

Mr. Geo. Pettit being member for the Constituency
of Welland, in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Mark Vaughan being member for the Con-
stituency of West Welland in the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Pro-
vince of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin being Deputy
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. S. J. Wilson being District Deputy
Grand Master of the Niagara Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Port Colborne Masonic Temple was laid by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, inhabitants of the Town of Port Colborne and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers, and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, when Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary."

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Windsor, on Saturday, June 11th, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927.

There were present:—

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin.....	Acting Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. S. Settingington.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. Fred Reid.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron.....	Grand Junior Warden
V.W. Bro. W. H. Hartley.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. W. J. Douglas.....	as Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Grand Secretary
W. Bro. W. G. Wells.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. A. J. Welsh.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. E. T. Howe.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. W. J. Turner.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
R.W. Bro. V. Williamson.....	as Grand Pursuivant

As Grand Stewards:

W. Bro. F. Hubbell; W. Bro. Geo. Arnott; W. Bro. Alvin Bunn;
W. Bro. L. Malott; W. Bro. F. Wilson.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at two o'clock p.m. by the R.W. the acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Church of The Ascension.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Assistant Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Eleventh day of June, A.D., 1927, A.L. 5927, in the eighteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V

by the grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour, William H. Ross, Esquire, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Sidney Robinson, being member for the Constituency of West Essex in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

J. Fred Reid, being member for the Constituency of West Essex in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Cecil E. Jackson being Mayor of the City of Windsor.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. W. S. Settrington being District Deputy Grand Master of the Windsor Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Church of Ascension was laid by R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, acting Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the City of Windsor and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The R.W. acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary".

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Burlington Beach, on Saturday, June 25th, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927.

There were present:—

R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan	acting Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Mark Senn	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron	Grand Junior Warden
W. Bro. Rev. T. N. Lowe	as Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Alex. Hain	as Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig	as Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. D. W. Evans	as Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. P. A. Lumsden	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. Smith A. Wait	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Frank W. Sprules	Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. John Forth	as Grand Supt. of Works
W. Bro. R. D. Berry	as Grand Pursuivant
as Grand Stewards:	
W. Bro. Ed. Christian; W. Bro. D. Turner; W. Bro. Robt. Small;	
W. Bro. A. S. Pilling; W. Bro. J. A. Robinson, W. Bro. A. S. MacPherson	

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock by the R.W. acting Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper position sat the northeast corner of the building.

The Assistant Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Twenty-fifth day of June A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927,
in the eighteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious
Sovereign

GEORGE V

by the grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the
Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the
Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour, William H. Ross, Esquire, being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Gordon C. Wilson, M.P. being member for the
Constituency of Wentworth in the Parliament of the
Dominion of Canada.

A. L. Shaver being member for the constituency of
South Wentworth in the Legislative Assembly of the
Province of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the
Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, being Deputy
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Mark Senn being District Deputy
Grand Master of the Hamilton B Masonic District.

THIS CORNERSTONE

of the Masonic Hall was laid by R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, acting as Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of Burlington Beach and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The R.W. acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Chatham on Sunday, July Tenth, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927.

There were present:—

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. T. Turner.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Jas. Baird.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Ed. Worth.....	as Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. M. Perkins.....	as Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. J. W. Draper.....	as Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Grand Secretary
W. Bro. Geo. Sommerville.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. C. D. Sulman.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R.W. Bro. C. E. Clement.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. A. A. Hicks.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
V.W. Bro. E. W. Jarvis.....	as Grand Pursuivant
as Grand Stewards:	
W. Bro. Roy Boyce; W. Bro. E. Reeves; W. Bro. Chas. Bodkin;	
W. Bro. Fred Burnie; W. Bro. E. V. Bingham; W. Bro. W. J. McCall.	

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at three o'clock by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the Parish Hall of Christ's Church.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Tenth day of July, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927 in the Eighteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., B.G.E., being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour, William H. Ross, Esquire, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. G. H. Ferguson being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Dr. J. W. Rutherford being member for the Constituency of Kent in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

Rev. A. C. Calder being member for the Constituency of West Kent in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

A. L. Thompson being Mayor of the City of Chatham.

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.W. Bro. John A. McCallum being District Deputy Grand Master of the Chatham Masonic District.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Parish Hall of Christ's Church was laid by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of the City of Chatham and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M.W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary".

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At the Seventy-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Guelph, commencing Wednesday, July 20th, A.D. 1927, A.L. 5927.

There were present:—

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, on the Throne

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin

R.W. Bro. A. Rome.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. Rev. A. L. Burch.....	Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. J. J. Buchanan.....	Grand Registrar

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt.....	Toronto
M.W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	Belleville

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bro.	W. H. Green.....	Sioux Lookout
"	R. T. Stillman.....	Brantford
"	M. S. Armstrong.....	Hanover
"	J. A. McCallum.....	Chatham
"	G. A. Shaver.....	Lunenburg
"	H. A. Carscallen.....	Enterprise
"	C. G. Kirkpatrick.....	Orillia
"	C. E. Colgan.....	Dundalk
"	J. H. Bates.....	Dundas
"	Mark Senn.....	York
"	S. R. Sampson.....	London
"	J. L. Moore.....	Parry Sound
"	S. J. Wilson.....	Beamsville
"	H. F. Goodfellow.....	Sault Ste. Marie
"	G. H. Linklater.....	Teeswater

"	F. H. Brown.....	Port Hope
"	J. A. Ross.....	Ottawa
"	B. Buchanan.....	Warkworth
"	F. E. Brown.....	Madoc
"	W. A. Campbell.....	Strathroy
"	J. A. Myers.....	Mitchell
"	J. A. Derbyshire.....	Brockville
"	G. R. Stevenson.....	St. Thomas
"	E. J. Mason.....	S. Porcupine
"	H. J. Alexander.....	Weston
"	John D. Spence.....	Toronto
"	W. E. Hopkings.....	Toronto
"	T. A. Carson.....	Toronto
"	S. Johnston.....	Lindsay
"	A. Jaffray.....	Guelph
"	J. M. Stevens.....	Woodstock
"	W. S. Settingerton.....	Leamington

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND LODGE OF

M.W. Bro.	E. T. Malone.....	Ireland
R.W. Bro.	Hugh A. Mackay.....	Scotland
"	A. J. Young.....	Alberta
"	Thos. Forsyth.....	Nova Scotia
"	Thos. Rowe.....	Prince Edward Island
"	R. B. Dargavel.....	Quebec
"	John Boyd.....	New Zealand
"	J. McC. Potts.....	Queensland
"	A. F. Webster.....	Tasmania
"	Geo. H. Smith.....	Connecticut
"	Rev. R. C. Blgrave.....	Delaware
"	R. F. Richardson.....	Idaho
M.W. Bro.	F. W. Harcourt.....	Illinois
R.W. Bro.	Hon. John S. Martin.....	Indiana
"	R. H. Spencer.....	Kansas
"	J. B. Way.....	Maine
"	W. N. Gatfield.....	Michigan
"	C. W. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
"	Henry T. Smith.....	Nebraska
"	Wm. M. Logan.....	New York
"	W. S. Herrington.....	North Carolina
"	George Moore.....	Ohio
"	J. G. Liddell.....	Oklahoma
"	K. J. Dunstan.....	Oregon
"	J. F. Reid.....	Rhode Island
M.W. Bro.	John A. Rowland.....	South Dakota
R.W. Bro.	A. J. Anderson.....	Tennessee
M.W. Bro.	Wm. N. Ponton.....	Texas
R.W. Bro.	E. S. McPhail.....	Utah
"	Jos. Fowler.....	W. Virginia
"	J. M. Malcolm.....	Chili
"	H. F. Ketcheson.....	The Netherlands
"	C. M. Forbes.....	France

The Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge took their chairs on the dais of the Memorial Hall, Ontario Agricultural College, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

W. Bro. Geo. Fairley, assisted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, formally introduced:

The Mayor of the City of Guelph and Mr. J. B. Reynolds, President of the Provincial Agricultural College. The distinguished visitors were invited to the dias, when the Mayor spoke as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE MAYOR

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

It is, indeed, Sir, a high honour which you have accorded the City of Guelph, in accepting our invitation to hold the Masonic Grand Lodge Convention here this year. More particularly is this true—and all the more do we appreciate it—on this, the Centennial Anniversary of the Founding of Guelph, on this the year when we are celebrating this anniversary, and extending welcome to the old residents, friends, their friends—yes to everyone—to join with us in making this a memorable year in Guelph's history.

It is particularly gratifying to me, to welcome you to Guelph in this Diamond Jubilee Year of Confederation. In a year when our people throughout the width and breadth of this Dominion, are not only celebrating sixty years of the Confederation of our Provinces, but in a year when our people are joining in a great Nationwide reunion of National Thanksgiving, of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the great National unity and Peaceful Prosperity, which we have been spared to enjoy, in the sixty years since Confederation.

Just One Hundred years ago, that great colonizer and founder of the Canada Company, John Galt, wielded the first axe, which marked the beginning of Guelph. Steadily and consistently Guelph has continued to grow,

until today we have one of the finest smaller cities in the Dominion. A city of homes, of industry and of education. A city owning all her Public Utilities, her street railway, her waterworks system with the finest spring water supply in Canada. A city served by three railways and a network of Provincial Highways, and a city of contented, happy, law abiding, loyal British people.

We are proud in Guelph, of the two splendid Government Institutions, the Ontario Agricultural College, and the Ontario Reformatory. Institutions which have no equal anywhere; institutions which not only do honour to Guelph but to the Government and to the people of this Province.

I trust, Sir, that your deliberations in this great convention may be productive of great good. That through the medium of your order you may continue to refine the moral fibre and the ideals of men; that your stay in Guelph may be delightfully pleasant, and that when you leave us for your respective homes, that you may have only the most kindly memories of the friendships which you have created, and I assure you, that whenever you may return to Guelph, you will always find the latch strings on the outside of our door.

After the Mayor's address, the President of the College extended his welcome.

He spoke briefly about agriculture in Ontario and the relation of the Ontario Agricultural College thereto. He spoke concisely of the varieties and quality of our farm products, the types of farming which have been adopted and the contribution of the college to the general improvement of agriculture. He ended by reiterating his welcome to the college of the members of the Masonic fraternity.

The M.W. the Grand Master acknowledged their greetings, expressing the delight of the brethren at their cordial reception and the excellent arrangements made for their comfort. He spoke briefly of the educational value of such a visit as this to the members of the Craft and of the importance of the work which the College was doing in the life of the country.

FIRST DAY

GRAND LODGE OPENED

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10.15 o'clock a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon its proceedings.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave permission to all Master Masons in good standing to enter and occupy the gallery.

Following are the names of those present:—

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

A number of distinguished brethren, who were the guests of Grand Lodge and who were seated on the dais, were formally introduced to the brethren. Among these were M.W. Bro. Geo. Groves, Grand Master of the State of Michigan; M.W. Bro. A. J. Davis, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia; M.W. Bros. Lou Winsor, and R. P. Anderson, P.G.Ms. of Michigan; R.W. Bros. Newton, G.S.W. of Michigan; W. E. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain of Michigan, the Grand Lecturer of Michigan and the Grand Tyler of Michigan. A special introduction was made of R.W. Bro. Alfred F. Webster, Sov. Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada and V.W. Bro. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, R.A.M.

M.W. Bro. Groves, R.W. Bro. Webster and V.W. Bro. Dunstan responded briefly and were greeted with loud applause.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME FROM LOCAL LODGES

A deputation from the three lodges of the City of Guelph, attended by the Masters of all the lodges in the Wellington District, was formally introduced by R. W. Bro. Alex. Jaffray. On their behalf, W. Bro. Mitchell read the following address:

To the Most Worshipful Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, and to the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

A century ago, just thirty-five years after a Grand Lodge warrant for the Province of Upper Canada was issued by the Grand Lodge of England, the site of the future City of Guelph was hewed out of the primeval forest by John Galt. It is a peculiar pleasure to the Freemasons of Guelph to have the honor of entertaining

Grand Lodge in this our Centennial year. In celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of this beautiful city, nestling in the valley of the River Speed, much has been done and much is yet in preparation. Perhaps, however, this important gathering of the members of the Craft will go down in the annals of our City as the outstanding event of this auspicious year.

As we look back over the history of Freemasonry in this province since the 7th day of March, 1792, when Right Worshipful Bro. William Jarvis, Provincial Secretary of Upper Canada, received a Grand Lodge Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England to extend Freemasonry throughout the wild and unsubdued territory that came under his jurisdiction, we render our gratitude to the Great Architect for the way in which he has led and prospered our fraternity. The wilderness of that day now blossoms as the rose and is the home of millions of happy and industrious people. The Masonic seed then sown has multiplied until to-day in the Province of Ontario over six hundred subordinate lodges exemplify the beautiful symbolism and the great moral principles of Freemasonry.

It is, therefore, no light responsibility that devolves upon Grand Lodge, to superintend the activities of this great organization, to cement together this vast body of Craftsmen in brotherly love, and to radiate throughout the lodges the inspiration to practise the highest and best in Freemasonry. We are fortunate in having Grand Lodge officers who are animated by these ideals, and who have the energy, force of character, and ability to carry them into effect.

To you, Most Worshipful Sir, we are indebted in a special manner. You have endeared yourself to us by your warm human qualities, animated us by your enthusiasm, guided us by your wisdom, and inspired us by your eloquence. In every way you have maintained and exalted the splendid traditions of your high office.

We trust the visit of Grand Lodge to our city will be a memorable one, that wise counsels and brotherly love will prevail in your deliberations, and that you will carry

back to your lodges and in your homes the happiest recollections of the Seventy-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

W. J. MITCHELL,
W.M. Speed Lodge.

R. M. FINLAY,
W.M. Guelph Lodge.

W. TEMPLEMAN,
W. M. Waverley Lodge.

The Grand Master replied in fitting terms, expressing his satisfaction at the health and prosperity of the local bodies and his congratulations to the Masters on the type of men who composed the fraternity in this noted section of the jurisdiction.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The roll of Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge was read by the Grand Secretary. The representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and were requested to convey to those Grand Lodges which they represented the felicitations and courtesies of this Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order were then read by the Grand Secretary.

READING OF MINUTES

The Grand Secretary began the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Communication, held at Fort William, July 21st and 22nd, 1926, when it was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and resolved: That the Minutes of the last Annual Communication having been printed and distributed to the constituent lodges, they be now taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Albert Rowland, B.A., then delivered his address as follows:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Life is largely a process of forgetting the things we once believed. "I know," said an old man, "that I was very wise when I was young, for I knew so many things that aren't true." We were taught as children to say that Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492—and in a large way, perhaps, he did. But the real discovery of America was a matter of centuries and the work of many men—most of them, apparently, of Scottish birth.

A hundred years ago, one of these Scotchmen, John Galt by name, cut down a Maple tree, and around the spot on which the old Maple stood are clustered today the brick and stone and cement, the happy and comfortable homes, the hum of industry, and the movement of commerce that make up the City of Guelph; and in an outer circle, the smiling and fertile fields that make this part of our Province one of the fairest portions of the earth's surface. It may be that John Galt is able today to look down upon the scene that unfolds itself before our eyes; and if he is, his Scottish soul must thrill with pride—if souls in Paradise are allowed to be Scottish, and to enjoy the pleasures of human weakness. Citizens of Guelph, it was indeed a gracious act that permits us to be here at this time and generous and kindly has been your treatment of us. We thank you most sincerely. We understand and share your pride in your City, and we express for the century ahead, the hope that "peace may abide within your gates and prosperity within your palaces."

I gladly acknowledge our debt to the Heads of this College and of the Department of Agriculture who have placed at our disposal these charming grounds and this beautiful memorial hall. The Ontario Agricultural College was founded a little more than fifty years ago. It may fairly be called a pioneer in this department of our educational work. In a country so large as ours, with natural resources so varied and so vast, it is difficult to assign to each its proper place in a scale of relative values and importance. Nevertheless the agricultural wealth of a Country is not a wasting asset, and when a country can point to a continuous and consistent growth

in the value of its farm products, it is fortunate indeed. And that is our position. Many of us perhaps do not know, others of us accept too much as a matter of course the remarkable progress that we have made in the field of agriculture in recent years, and we forget how much we owe to that improvement in method and in product that has been the result of experimental work carried on, and scientific instruction given in this and other institutions of its kind. They have set new standards in agricultural life and are securing for the Canadian farmer his proper place in the markets of the world. We pay tribute to the men who have given so loyally of their best in this branch of what is really a national service.

We honour to-day—I quote the lines of Wilson MacDonald—"The Fathers of our Country, whose fine dream welded a thousand leagues in one domain".—It seems fitting that in this place we should honour with them the men who fifty years later brought honour to that country and gave a new impulse to our national life. Without the men of 1867, the men of 1914 and 1918 could not have been, and in the spirit and achievement of the "Sons" the work of the "Fathers" was crowned. Nations are born, not made, but they are born out of their own experiences. They have their "Missions" and each at its own time and in its own way must become conscious of its "Election." And in the sound of rejoicing that has swept across our country in these recent weeks, one seemed to hear a new and deeper note—the full rich, vibrant tones of a people who had learned to love their country and to know their strength.

"Our splendor"—I again quote from Mr. MacDonald—is "of light just breaking on the earth." Our quarries are yet unmeasured. Our frontiers are still unexplored. Our critics never weary of reminding us that we have added little or nothing to the world's treasures of literature and art. But the lamps of our critics, like those of some of our people, are sometimes lacking in the oil of insight and of faith. We are not so sunk in materialism as many would have us think. If the history of a people reflects that people's character, or throws a light along the pathway of its future development, then surely we may say of ourselves, that here is a

people possessed of an independent spirit, and a sane and practical idealism, a people who have been able at every crisis in their history to find leaders and leadership within themselves; and we may indulge the hope that in the time to come these qualities will assert themselves in the various ways in which the souls of nations find expression.

Confederation was more than an act of Parliament, more even than a milestone in our political progress. It was the end of a long and difficult journey, and it furnished a practical solution of a problem that has baffled the statesmanship of centuries. It brought together in a larger political unity a number of distinct political units but left to each its independence in matters of local concern. The idea of a Federation was not a new one. It had appeared and reappeared at various times in the course of history, and it had failed, sometimes because of too much, at other times because of too little concentration of powers in the central authority. The genius of Canadian Confederation was that it united peoples differing from one another in race, in language, in religion and in laws, but left them free to live their lives in their own particular way. Its underlying principle was one not of coercion but of co-operation; its purpose, not merely to promote internal peace and external security, but through the medium of a great political co-partnership to secure to the several members a larger measure of freedom and an opportunity for development along broader lines. This was the spirit in which the Dominion of Canada was conceived and this the principle on which its foundations were laid. In the same spirit and on the same principle the internal relations of the British Empire were afterwards readjusted. The old commercial Empire broke down and in its place there grew up the British Commonwealth of Nations as we see it to-day. The principle lends itself to almost indefinite expansion, and if in our time a League of Nations has become an accomplished fact, it is because of the hope inspired and the faith engendered by the making of this Dominion and the history of the Empire for the past fifty years. So it is that the work of the Fathers of Confederation was something more than an act of constructive statesmanship on the part of men of

courage and vision. It was, in the language of the Rev. Trevor Davies, in a recent article, "a tremendous spiritual achievement, holding out the hope and promise of something greater," a genuine contribution to the ideals of civilization. And we do well to honour them to-day.

Such is our historical background. In the light and strength of our past experience we venture forth to meet the responsibilities and opportunities of the future. I make no forecast, and I indulge in no prophecies. But I express the hope that we may meet them in the same spirit of moderation, with the same lofty and unselfish patriotism as did these men of Sixty years ago, ever remembering that in a country like ours, peopled as ours is peopled, the end to be attained is not uniformity but unity. In the former is often stagnation and death, the latter means for us life, strength and progress.

"She was of truth a lover, and a thrall
Of justice; fair and tolerant to all."

We can, I think, review with a certain amount of satisfaction, the Masonic activities of the past two years. We have added to our membership. We have increased our assets. Our relief work has been made more effective and the interest in Masonry and the influence of the Craft has grown steadily stronger. The reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the Chairmen of the various Committees will place before you in detail the record of the year that has just closed. I shall confine myself to a few general statements and a discussion of a few matters that seem to me to be of importance.

On the 31st of May, 1926, our membership stood at 110,000; to-day it is estimated at 113,000. Seven lodges received their warrants at our last Annual Communication; they have all been constituted and consecrated in accordance with the impressive ceremonies of the Craft, and dispensations have been issued for the formation of three others. Our receipts and general disbursements for the year are practically unchanged from a year ago. Our General Account has grown from \$350,000 to \$375,000. A number of lodges have shown their interest in our benevolent work by making special contributions

during the year to our Semi-Centennial Fund which now stands at \$106,700. We distributed in benevolent grants from the two funds \$100,500 as against \$103,000 for the preceding twelve months.

It is the custom of those whose business it is to assign to different kinds of evidence their respective values to treat statistics with a peculiar measure of disrespect. I would not suggest that figures are inherently vicious but they seem very often to tend to the wrong conclusion. I would not have you assume for a moment that this decrease in the amount of our benevolent grants represents any relaxing in our work of relief or any failure on the part of Grand Lodge to meet its proper and honest obligations. Rather is it to be explained by the untiring energy and devotion to duty of our Supervisor of Benevolence and by a growing willingness on the part of the private lodges to assist him in his labours. With a decreased expenditure we have done more efficient and effective work. As I have pointed out in previous addresses our greatest need in our benevolent work is not funds so much as personal effort and personal interest. It is only by the most perfect understanding and complete co-operation between Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges that this work can be made entirely productive of results—that it will become not a mere mechanical distribution of financial assistance, but the practice of Masonic charity in its broadest aspects—at once a pleasure and blessing to those who give and a benefit to those who receive.

Five cornerstones were laid during the year, three of Masonic temples and two of churches or church buildings—and eleven lodges were dedicated to the purposes of Masonry. Particulars will be given in the appendix to this address. I endeavoured, so far as I could, to conduct these ceremonies myself, and I was very sorry that a sudden attack of illness, which refused to obey the commands of even a Grand Master, prevented me keeping my engagement with my Brethren of Amity Lodge at Dunnville.

I have been particularly struck by the universal desire on the part of the Craft to possess quarters suitable for Masonic purposes. I do not favour the erection of

costly and extravagant Masonic temples. They place a serious financial burden upon the Craft, and too often relief from the burden is sought by unwise and hasty additions to the membership roll. A building modest in proportions, artistic in appearance, sufficiently large for the ordinary purposes of the lodge, well ventilated and properly equipped and appointed is all that is essential, and you will be gratified to know that the number of lodgerooms in which these qualifications are lacking is rapidly becoming smaller.

The Angel of Death has been a frequent visitor among us. The Report on the Fraternal Dead will record the names of those who have been called away and their many virtues. I mention only two, and I do so with great difficulty because they bring to me as they do to many of you a sense of personal loss.

Most Worshipful Brother William John Drope was my immediate predecessor as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. The illness which seized him during the closing months of his term of office had a fatal termination and he was laid to rest on the twenty-first of June. It was my privilege to serve as his Deputy Grand Master, and I came to know him very well indeed. His quiet and unassuming manner, his absolute sincerity, his devotion to the Craft, and his love for all those things for which Masonry stands, the qualities of mind and heart that won for him a place of influence in his chosen profession, secured for him a lasting place in the memory and affections of his Brethren of Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Shanks was one of the outstanding Masons in our Grand Lodge. He was in the finest sense of the word a Mason. For five years he served as Chairman of our Committee on the Condition of Masonry. His reports were storehouses of Masonic wisdom and models of literary excellence. It is not too much to say that no portion of our Proceedings was read with greater interest and none was more universally quoted. Masonry mourns the loss of a valued and faithful servant: many of us have lost a loved and honoured friend.

There is a peculiar sadness about the death a few days

ago of Most Worshipful Brother Walter Charles Hagar, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. His father attained to the position of Deputy Grand Master of his Grand Lodge, but did not survive to reach the Grand Master's chair. The Masonic virtues of the father were reproduced in the son. He too became Deputy Grand Master of his Grand Lodge and none of us who were present will soon forget the depth and sincerity of feeling of the son on reaching the chair in which he had once proudly hoped to see his father installed. Walter Charles Hagar was loved and honoured and respected by all. The tribute that was paid to his memory in the City of Montreal the other day is only for those who have made their way into the hearts of their fellow men. We extend to the Grand Jurisdiction of Quebec our deepest sympathy in the loss which has come to them.

APPOINTMENTS

I made a number of appointments during the year. I also filled several vacancies in the list of our representatives to foreign jurisdictions, and on my nomination a number of Brethren were commissioned to represent other jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge. A complete list will appear in the appendix to this address, and I need not repeat them here.

In one instance I was called upon to fill a vacancy caused by the death of a District Deputy Grand Master. Worshipful Brother C. H. Martindale was elected at Hamilton as District Deputy Grand Master for Hamilton District "B". He died early in October, and at my request Worshipful Brother Mark Senn assumed the duties of the office and completed the term. Under the provisions of the Constitution neither of these Brethren would receive past rank. I therefore recommend that Grand Lodge confer upon each of them the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master with the appropriate title.

Worshipful Brother W. L. Ross, the Master of Silver Lodge at Cobalt, met with a fatal accident while at his work on March 18th. He was very much beloved by the Brethren of his lodge and they have written to me re-

questing that they be given the right to include his name among the names of the Past Masters of their Lodge. The request is one with which I entirely sympathize and I would recommend that the rank of Past Master be conferred on Brother Ross.

It is always a pleasure to know that honour has come to those whom we have tried to honour. We were delighted to learn that Right Worshipful Brother Gerald FitzGibbon, who has for some years past been our representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, had received an appointment as Grand Registrar in his Grand Lodge. The office of Grand Registrar in the Grand Lodge of Ireland is one of great honour and responsibility. He becomes in effect the legal adviser of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and we extend our sincere congratulations to Right Worshipful Brother FitzGibbon on receiving this distinction.

It has been our privilege for a number of years to be represented near the Grand Lodge of England by one of the most distinguished of English Masons, Right Worshipful Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes. It was a matter of regret to many of us that on his visit some two or three years ago to this side of the Atlantic he was unable to come up into Canada. In a recent letter to me he expressed the hope, in which we all share, that at some future time he might be able to pay a visit to this Grand Lodge. It would, I think, be a very fitting thing that in this year, as a mark of our appreciation of his services and as an expression of our loyalty to the Mother Grand Lodge of Masonry, we should confer upon Right Worshipful Brother Robbins the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, and that he be given the jewel appropriate to the office, and I so recommend.

In the year 1923, Grand Lodge conferred upon Most Worshipful Brother Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, honorary rank as Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. I discovered about a year ago that he had not received the emblem of his rank. I therefore had struck off a Past Grand Master's jewel of distinctive design and sent it to Most Wor-

shipful Brother Harcourt, who was at that time in England, with a request that he present it to our distinguished Brother. Most Worshipful Brother Harcourt was unable to discharge the duty in person, but it was discharged for him by Right Worshipful Brother Sir Alfred Robbins and Right Worshipful Brother Sir George MacLaren Brown. I quote a paragraph from a very delightful letter of acknowledgment which I afterwards received.

"I shall be proud to wear it not only as a visible token of the honorary rank as a Past Grand Master which I have the good fortune and privilege to hold in the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario but also as a memento of my visit to Canada. I shall be most pleasantly reminded, whenever I wear it, of all the kindness which I received at the hands of the Brethren of Toronto and my constant wish to pay another visit to Canada will thus ever be renewed. Please accept my warm thanks for this welcome gift, and still more for the kind thought which inspired it. I beg you also to express my grateful recognition to your Grand Officers and the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario."

There has always been some uncertainty in my mind upon the subject of Masonic recognition. The number of visiting Masons from all quarters of the Globe is increasing year by year, and almost month by month, and some means should be provided to relieve our Worshipful Masters of any doubt as to who are and who are not entitled to be received in their respective lodges. We have our list of Grand Representatives and our Report on Foreign Correspondence and they are published in the proceedings from year to year, but they are not conclusive on the subject. There are Grand Lodges who do not adopt the system of representation; there are others with whom we are not in fraternal correspondence. I turn to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England or the Grand Lodge of New York and I see there the names of jurisdictions recognized by them but as to which our records are silent, and the matter is peculiarly one in which we might safely follow the lead of our Mother Grand Lodge. We make the claim that

Masonry is universal. The essentials are the adoption of certain grand principles and the recognition of certain land marks; and to refuse admission to our lodges to visitors from foreign jurisdictions whose Masonry is based upon the same grand principles as our own, which preserve the ancient land marks as we preserve them, is to my mind illogical and unsound. I would therefore recommend that the Committee which was appointed last year to make certain enquiries into the matter of foreign representation be continued, and that it be instructed to prepare, and submit to Grand Lodge for approval at the next Annual Communication a list of Grand Jurisdictions entitled to Masonic recognition in addition to those already included in our reports.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, ETC.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication, I appointed as a Committee on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of Grand Lodge all the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, the four District Deputy Grand Masters for Toronto, Right Worshipful Brother George Moore, Worshipful Brother G. C. Kirby, and Right Worshipful Brother A. J. Anderson, chairman. The Committee will, I presume, report progress and be continued in office.

Right Worshipful Brother Dr. W. H. Walters, appointed last year as Commissioner to investigate a charge of Unmasonic conduct on the part of J. C. MacDonald, has brought in his report, in which he finds the accused guilty of the offense charged, and recommends that he be expelled from the Craft. I confirmed the finding, and directed that the papers be handed to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals with instructions to report to Grand Lodge.

I appointed Right Worshipful Brothers Lyman Lee, George Moore and Frank Hills, a commission to investigate a charge of Unmasonic conduct against Frank Van Mere and Ernest Risbridger. Their report is now in the hands of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

I appointed Very Worshipful Brother J. O. Herity of Belleville a commission to investigate a charge of Un-

masonic conduct against Bruce Macdonald a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 749, Arden. He has not yet presented his report.

Brother Arthur Snedden, a member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 541, Toronto, was suspended by the Master of the Lodge for refusal to leave the Lodgeroom when ordered to so do. I confirmed the action of the Master, and I make no recommendation as to any further action.

One of the most difficult cases with which I was called upon to deal was a complaint by Waverley Lodge of Guelph against General Mercer Lodge of Toronto of an invasion of jurisdiction through the initiation of John S. Harvey, a resident of the City of Guelph. There were some unusual features in this case, involving questions of great importance. I therefore directed that the papers be laid before a joint meeting of the Committee on Constitution and Laws, and the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, with a request that they bring in a special report to this Grand Lodge. In the meantime I suspended Paul E. Cleal, the Senior Deacon of General Mercer Lodge, and directed that John S. Harvey should not be recognized as a Mason or allowed to exercise the privileges of Masonry.

BY-LAWS, SUSPENSIONS, ETC.

There have been submitted to me for approval during the year about twenty complete sets of by-laws and a hundred or more amendments. As a rule they were well and properly drawn. In a few instances I have had to withhold my approval on the ground of invalidity, and in others I referred the amendments back for further consideration when it seemed to me that they were faulty or did not effect the desired purpose.

I refused to confirm a by-law which provided that the Worshipful Master should appoint committees and subordinate officers on instructions from the Past Masters of the Lodge, and a by-law providing that the lodge should elect by ballot the Chairman of the Benevolent Committee. I also referred back for further consideration a by-law providing for two or three different sets of

dues to be paid by the members where the reason for the difference was not made clear.

Some trouble might be avoided if the Committees appointed by the lodges to revise their by-laws would bear in mind that a by-law which conflicts with the Constitution is invalid, and perhaps, also, that a by-law which simply repeats the provisions of the Constitution is as a rule unnecessary.

DISPENSATIONS

With one or two exceptions there is nothing of interest in the dispensations granted or refused. There has been a slight falling off in the number of applications for permission to receive candidates suffering from physical disability. I refused a dispensation to confer further degrees upon an Entered Apprentice who after receiving his First Degree had lost both his legs and was permanently confined to his bed. It seemed to me that a candidate who could not literally comply with at least the essentials of our ceremonies was not eligible for advancement.

I granted a dispensation to install as Master of a Lodge a Brother wearing an artificial foot. My reason was that there was nothing in the disability to prevent him from giving a literal exemplification of the work of the different degrees.

RULINGS

My rulings were not numerous. A few of them may be of interest, or have some value.

1. I ruled that a student who had been in attendance at a university for more than a year might be considered the material of either the Lodge at his university or of the Lodge where his home is situated.

2. Where a ballot was taken upon two candidates and one was rejected, and the other accepted, and it subsequently appeared that the Master had not given instructions to admit the Brethren in the anteroom, I ruled that the rejection stood, but that the name on the

accepted candidate must be placed on the circular again and another ballot taken.

3. I refused permission to a Chamber of Commerce to have access to our Masonic records for purposes of a mailing list, and to a Shrine Club to use the Lodgeroom for a concert.

4. I ruled that a member of a Lodge in England under suspension for non-payment of dues could not affiliate here until the suspension was removed.

5. Under very special circumstances I allowed Ionic Lodge of Rainy River to permit the Oddfellows to use their Lodgerooms for a limited time, but directed that all purely Masonic regalia and equipment should be removed from the Lodge room before it was used by the other society.

These and a hundred others like them are the problems that arise from day to day to perplex—perhaps to worry, a Grand Master's soul. And then, when all is settled, and the Dove of Peace is beginning to nod, his incipient slumbers are broken by the insistent knocking at our gates of the militant section of the Order of the Eastern Star. They are demanding our Lodge rooms and clamouring for our men.—Verily the old Order changeth—and things are not as they were when Adam was the lordliest thing in the Garden and Eve his modest and retiring mate. One wonders why it is that an Order, strong enough and old enough to stand and walk alone, should deny the dignity and independence that properly belong to it, and lean upon the “patrimonial support” of men, whose mere connection with it renders their Masonic standing a matter of doubt. But so it is, and the Grand Master is called upon to rule or counsel or advise.

It is perhaps fortunate that Grand Lodge has already expressed itself in the matter of organizations that claim to have or are commonly supposed to have some sort of connection with the Craft. I merely repeat to you what has already been done.

It has repeatedly been decided and determined that a building or a room that has been dedicated to Free-

masonry is for Masonry alone; that our lists and records are open only to those who are authorized to see them; and that information as to standing may not be given for other than the purposes of the Craft.

It was decreed in 1922 that it should be unlawful and improper for any member of this Grand Lodge to become a member of any society which made Masonry a prerequisite unless such society had been expressly recognized by ourselves; and the application of this decree to the Order of the Eastern Star was most definitely stated by Most Worshipful Brother Ponton in his address in 1923. The action then taken was not peculiar to ourselves. Resolutions in similar language and to the same effect have been passed at different times by the Grand Lodges of England, of Ireland and of Scotland, and of some of the United States; and they include in their operations all societies or organizations of the character I have named.

It is interesting to note that the specific case of the Eastern Star came recently before the Grand Lodge of Scotland. With characteristic fairness and caution they appointed a committee to investigate and report, and that committee was composed largely of those who were or had been Patrons of the Order itself. The report points out that while perhaps the Eastern Star does not pretend to be Masonic, it does to some extent make Masonry a prerequisite to membership, and in making the claim to be co-workers with Masonry, they tacitly represent that they have in some way or other received the sanction and approval of the Craft; and it concludes with a recommendation which reads as follows:

“The Committee consider that a certain time might be given to the Order of the Eastern Star to alter their Constitution in such a way that no reference be made to their having any connection with Freemasonry, and that there be no necessity for the presence of a Master Mason at their ceremonies, and failing their doing so within a reasonable time that we adopt other methods to prevent Freemasons from using their connection with the Masonic Craft as an essential ground for their connection with the Order of the Eastern Star.”

It must be understood that we are not expressing any disapproval of the Order named, its membership or its purposes. The resolution to which I have just referred is part of the traditional policy of the Masonic Order. Conservatism is sometimes the indifference of an indolent mind; it is sometimes the wisdom born of experience and this conservatism is of the latter kind. Freemasonry does not lend itself to co-operation with other societies. It is not a service club; much less is it a benevolent institution. It is a great fraternity which can neither admit or permit anything that might create divisions among its members or disturb the harmonious workings of its lodges. Its perfectly balanced system has come down to us out of the past, tried by the most searching of tests, the test of time. And experience has shown that within the limits set by the ancient landmarks there is safety and ample opportunity for service, while without there is difficulty and danger and usually Masonic disaster.

I received an invitation to address the Past Masters' Association of Toronto on the subject of lodge summonses, publicity in regard to our proceedings and the use of questionnaires in securing reports on candidates for admission—an invitation which I accepted with a great deal of pleasure. I discovered, as we often do, that it is easy to ask for advice but sometimes very hard to give it. These are matters that relate entirely to the management of the Lodge. It is a sound principle that makes the Master responsible for the ruling and well-governing of his Lodge, and if the responsibility is his, the means of discharging it must largely be left to himself; and no system however carefully conceived can relieve him of that responsibility, or atone for any lack on his part of knowledge of Masonic principles or sound Masonic practice.

It is here indeed that our Past Masters' Associations can make their usefulness most felt. The greatest corrective in matters of this kind is the existence of a sound and healthy public opinion—an opinion that can best be created and fostered by frequent discussion and careful consideration of these and similar topics.

There is a point to which publicity may safely go. There is a point beyond which it must obviously cease. Between the two there is an area through which the Master must make his way with careful steps, guided mainly by his knowledge, as we say in our ritual, "of the rules of propriety and the principles of Freemasonry," always remembering that while to err is human, it is better to err on the side of caution.

The Lodge summons is for a specific purpose and to use it for the diffusion of local news or as a Masonic pamphlet is entirely apart from the purpose for which it was intended. There are many things appearing in our summonses today that are not essential. I am not prepared to say that they are objectionable, but I cannot help feeling that it would be a step in the right direction if our summonses were applied only to their original and intended use.

The employment of questionnaires may serve a useful purpose, but I should like to sound a note of warning. When you accept a candidate for admission to your Lodge, you accept him with the intention of making him one of yourselves, and no system of questions however skilfully devised can take the place of a report that is based upon personal knowledge and personal investigation. The time when you rely upon a system is the time when it is most likely to prove a broken reed.

Sometime ago I received a request for a contribution to the National Memorial to the Late Queen Alexandra. The proposition is to provide a visible memorial to be erected in the heart of the Empire and to give further impetus to a work of mercy with which her late Majesty was closely identified. The work referred to is the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses of which her Majesty was patron until the time of her death. The object is one which has an obvious interest for us as Masons, and I sent to the Treasurer of the fund on your behalf a cheque for \$1,000.00. I ask Grand Lodge to approve of my action in this respect.

I made three visits outside of the jurisdiction, one to the Grand Lodge of Quebec in Montreal in February last, one to the Grand Lodge of Michigan in Grand

Rapids in May last, and a visit to Ithaca, New York, to be present at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple by Most Worshipful Brother Richardson, Grand Master of that jurisdiction. A very cordial invitation to visit the Grand Lodge of New York in May I was unable to accept. Another invitation to be present at a dedication of a Lodge in Niagara Falls, New York, found me engaged on a similar mission in my own jurisdiction. I remember with very great pleasure indeed the courtesy and kindness shown to me on each of these visits.

As was done by many of my predecessors, I also paid an extended visit to Northern Ontario. The experiences of a delightful week awakened in me the same enthusiasm that has found such eloquent expression in the addresses of previous Grand Masters. An enterprising steamship company has adopted the slogan, "See this world before you see the next." I would add to it, "But with all your seeing, see Northern Ontario first." I sometimes think it is unfortunate that the residents of the older portions of the Province are not more familiar with the extent and resources of that wonderful country. Their Masonry is full of vigour and I was delighted beyond expression with what I saw.

I was also able to complete the series of visits to the different districts to which I made reference in my address of last year. It is rather difficult for me to say all that is in my mind in reference to these meetings. Through this medium I was able during the course of the past two years, to come into personal contact with almost every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and I have had repeated expressions from the District Deputy Grand Masters as to the beneficial effect of bringing the Lodges in the district together in a single meeting as I attempted to do. It was with me at the inception an experiment, and it succeeded beyond my expectations. There is no doubt in my mind that these meetings were the means of creating and fostering a greater interest in Masonry throughout the whole jurisdiction.

I gratefully acknowledge the whole hearted support that I have at all times received from the officers of this Grand Lodge. No Grand Master has ever been more loyally supported than I have been, and no Grand Lodge

can boast of a set of officers more thoroughly devoted to the interest of the Craft.

You will not accuse me of making a distinction if I refer again to the long service of our honoured Grand Treasurer. Since our last meeting Most Worshipful Brother Malone has passed the fiftieth mile stone in his Masonic life. The occasion was fittingly honoured by the Brethren of Zetland Lodge, Toronto, and we heartily endorse all the kind things that were said of him on that occasion. We congratulate him most sincerely and express our appreciation of his long and faithful service to Grand Lodge.

I have now reached the end of my term of service as your Grand Master. The most that I can claim for myself is that I have endeavoured to understand the duties of my office, and to discharge them in the spirit of the great fraternity to which we belong. The years have been full of interest, of experience and instruction, and they have left me with a firm conviction that the influence of Masonry is one of the great facts of today.

We know strangely little about its beginnings, its founders or its early history. Quietly, silently it has spread, like learning or civilization, until its network of Lodges encircles the globe. It is worthy of note that it has found its readiest acceptance and its surest interpretation among the practical people of our own race, the people of all the least likely to mistake for long the shadow for the substance, or the form for the spirit. It has survived alike the attacks of its enemies from without, and the misguided enthusiasm of friends within who have failed to catch its spirit or divine its purpose. Change is the order of the world in which we live. Things serve their purpose and disappear. Even the conclusions of science are but the working hypotheses of today, to be modified or lost in the greater knowledge of tomorrow. And when one thinks of the history of Masonry and its growth, he feels that here is something more than a sounding ritual or imposing ceremony, some secret more profound than a grip or sign or word, some message that has power to reach the mind and heart.

Each of us will think of it as it has appealed to himself. We canvass our list of friends and are surprised to find how many of them we met in our Masonic assemblies, and the Temple becomes the Home of Friendship. We examine the membership roll of the lodges and discover that these are the men who are most active in our service organizations and on the Governing bodies of our Public Institutions, and the Lodge room becomes a training ground for public and social service. But we always come back to the same point. "Friendship" says Emerson, "and associations are very fine things, and a great phalanx of the best of the human race banded for some Catholic object; but no society can be as large as one man," and the enduring value of Masonry will always be its value to the individual man.

There is no finer piece of masonic literature than the Charge to the Candidate in the First Degree. It begins by commending to him the volume of the sacred law, it concludes by urging him to devote his leisure hours to the liberal arts and sciences. The first, that he may be taught his duty to God, to his neighbour and to himself; the second, that his understanding may be freshened and his strength increased for the performance of that duty. There comes to mind the story of John Knox. As he was approaching the end of his life, he gathered round him the students of St. Andrew's and exhorted them "to know God and stand by the good cause, and to use their time well." "I would like," said Mr. Froude in his address to the students of the same university, "to read a few words to you out of the same lesson book; for to make us know our duty and do it, to make us upright in act and true in thought and word, is the aim of all instruction which deserves the name. Duty changes, truth expands, one age cannot teach another either the details of its obligations or the matter of its knowledge, but the principle of obligation is everlasting." The consciousness of duty is the elementary force in virtue of which man's moral nature grows. This idea of duty is the heart and soul of Masonic instruction; the discharge of duty not merely in obedience to the command of a Higher Power, but as the only condition on which the meaning of life can be realized and happiness attained.

A system of education is valued scarcely less for the method than for the matter of its instruction. The Greek of classical times thought of the poet as a teacher. It was not because he found in his poetry a treasure house of moral maxims or a system of rules of conduct. He thought of it rather as the source from which he derived every thought that raised his mind above the daily routine, every sentiment that touched his heart with living power.

In this sense Masonry is a great teacher indeed. It is true that its moral teaching may be elementary and we cannot always be discussing first principles. But the elementary things are the fundamental things of life, and we cannot afford to forget them. In the complexities and perplexities of modern conditions even men of mature age and sound judgment sometimes lose their way. It is only as they come back to first principles that they recover their bearings and regain their sense of direction. In an unusual way Masonry enables us to see ourselves in relation to others, our conduct in relation to eternal principles. It drives away the mists of pride and prejudice and clears the outlook upon the problems of life. It enables us to turn our eyes from the feeble and flickering lights of human systems to the great light that never grows dim but shines with a clear and steady ray to guide us through all the vicissitudes of human experience.

I would not have you believe, and no true friend of Masonry will pretend, that alone it can suffice for our moral and spiritual needs. To substitute the Lodge-room for the church, to claim for Masonry or any system of morality the regenerating power of a true religion is to misunderstand the functions of both. Masonry, however, has a place. With its fundamental morality and universal symbolism, its sanity and moderation and steadying power, it seems to furnish a common ground upon which thinking men may meet and from which they may move forward to that closer sympathy and truer understanding which is the need of the modern world. For the discoveries of science have rewritten the conditions of existence. The barriers that once kept us apart have broken down, and those who

were strangers before are neighbours now. But we still dislike and suspect the things we do not understand, and at every turn of the wheel of progress we are brought nearer to the point where safety will be assured only as men and nations are able to know each other better, and to like and trust each other more. And there must be realized in an ever increasing degree the truth of the words:—

“These things shall be! a loftier race
Than e’er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.

“They shall be gentle, brave and strong
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man’s Lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

“Nation with nation, land with land,
Inarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.”

And now, Brethren, I have done. In a few hours I shall hand to my successor the emblem of office which was placed in my hands two years ago. As my mind wanders back over these years the memories that come crowding in upon me do not easily lend themselves to words. For all your forbearance, for all your assistance, for your unfailing loyalty and unmeasured kindness, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and for you and each of you I express the hope that the Great Giver of all good may deal kindly with you and yours in the years to come.

JOHN A. ROWLAND,
Grand Master.

Toronto, July, 1927.

APPENDIX

Corner Stones

The following corner stones have been laid with Masonic Ceremonies, viz.:

On August 19th, 1926, the corner stone of the new Masonic hall at Trenton, Ont., by the M.W. the Grand Master.

On December 10th, 1926, the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall at Port Colborne, by the M.W. the Grand Master.

On June 11th, 1927, the corner stone of the new Church of Ascension, Windsor, by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master.

On June 25th, 1927, the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall at Burlington Beach, by the R.W. the Grand Secretary.

On July 10th, 1927, the corner stone of the new Parish Hall of Christ's Church, Chatham, by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Consecrations

The following lodges have been constituted and consecrated:—

Sept 15th, 1926, Hastings Lodge, No. 633, Hastings, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

September 16th, 1926, Manitou Lodge, No. 631, Emo, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Green, D.D.G.M.

Sept. 28th, 1926, Hornepayne Lodge, No. 636, Hornepayne, by R.W. Bro. H. F. Goodfellow, D.D.G.M.

October 4th, 1926, Bedford Lodge, No. 638, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

October 12th, 1926, Delta Lodge No. 634, Toronto, by M.W. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

October 16th, 1926, Wellington Lodge, No. 635, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

October 18th, 1926, Caledonia Lodge, No. 637, Toronto, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

October 25th, 1926, Long Branch Lodge, No. 632, Mimico, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Dedications

The following lodge rooms have been dedicated:

Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden, on July 29th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. A. M. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M.

Hastings Lodge No. 633, Hastings, on September 15th, 1926, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Manitou Lodge No. 631, Emo, on September 16th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Green, D.D.G.M.

Hornepayne Lodge No. 636, Hornepayne, on September 28th, 1926, by R.W. Bro. H. F. Goodfellow, D.D.G.M.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville, on March 23rd, 1927, by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, P.D.D.G.M.

King Edward VII Lodge No. 471, Chippawa, on April 6th, 1927, by R.W. Bro. S. J. Wilson, D.D.G.M.

Trent Lodge No. 38, Trenton, on May 10th, 1927, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Orillia Lodge No. 192, Orillia, on May 13th, 1927, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby, on June 3rd, 1927, by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

Dispensations for New Lodges.

Dispensations for the following new lodges have been issued:—

Cathedral Lodge at Toronto.

Simcoe Lodge, at Toronto.

Lake Shore Lodge, at Mimico.

Grand Representatives

Upon nomination of their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Lodges, viz.:

R.W. Bro. Wm. T. Ballard, Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

M.W. Bro. H. P. Glindeman, Grand Lodge of Idaho.

M.W. Bro. Robt. P. Anderson, Grand Lodge of Michigan.

R.W. Bro. Percy R. Kelly, Grand Lodge of Oregon.

R.W. Bro. Wallace M. Comstock, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

M.W. Bro. John I. Newell, York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Upon nomination of the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada the following brethren have been appointed to represent their Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrove, Grand Lodge of Delaware.

R. W. Bro. E. S. McPhail, Grand Lodge of Utah.

V. W. Bro. G. M. Malone, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

R. W. Bro. F. J. Howell, York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

R. W. Bro. C. M. Forbes, Grande Loge Nationale of France.

W. Bro. C. J. Hamilton, Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, Grand Lodge of Montana.

V.W. Bro. John O'Connor, Grand Lodge of Switzerland (Alpina).

R.W. Bro. John Wilson, Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

R. W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, Grand Lodge of Washington.

Other Appointments by the Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Neil J. McAulay, Haileybury, was appointed to fill the place upon the Board of General Purposes, vacated by the death of R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks.

R. W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K. C., was appointed Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, vacated by the death of R. W. Bro. Shanks.

R. W. Bro. Frank A. Copus was made Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, to replace R. W. Bro. Herrington.

W. Bro. J. S. Williams, P. M. of Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto, was appointed a Grand Steward.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and resolved: That the address of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee for report. The Grand Master appointed to this Committee all Past Grand Masters present belonging to this jurisdiction.

LONG SERVICE MEDALS

The Grand Secretary read the names of those Past Masters who were entitled to the medals given by Grand Lodge for Long Service. The names are: Jacob Bull, Weston, W.M. in 1877; J. E. Cohoe, Wellandport, W.M. in 1877; J. R. Dargavel, Newburgh, W.M. in 1877; A. B. Greer, London, W.M. in 1877; W. J. Hambly, Toronto, W.M. in 1877; John Henderson, Clarkson, W.M. in 1877; John McKeown, Belleville, W.M. in 1875; Robert Pollock, Winnipeg, W.M. in 1870; Wm. Tytler, Guelph, W.M. in 1877.

Of these, W. Bro. Cohoe and Tytler were present and were invited to the dais, where M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, P.G.M., presented them with the medals amid the plaudits of the brethren.

LETTERS

Letters of regret at their inability to be present were read from the following: The Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, North Dakota, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and the Acting Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; also from M.W. Bros. Sir John Gibson, W.D. McPherson and W. H. Wardrope. A letter was also received from Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of M.W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, expressing her wishes for the continued welfare of the Craft.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour at a quarter past twelve, p.m., to meet again at two in the afternoon.

CALLED ON

Grand Lodge was called to labour at two o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, July 20th, 1927, the M.W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary were then presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, respectively, as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1927.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

To balance of account in the Canadian Bank of Com- on the 31st day of May, 1926.....	\$ 26,218.05
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges.....	130,214.50
Interest on investments.....	17,172.66
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	984.59
Debentures matured— Brockville.....	352.45
Refunds.....	206.24
	\$175,148.49

DISBURSEMENTS

General charges.....	\$39,350.65	
Benevolent orders.....	95,820.00	
Purchase of Canada Permanent Trust Co Guaranteed.....	10,000.00	
City of Windsor.....	10,241.10	\$155,411.75
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1927.....	22,107.87	
Less outstanding cheques.....	2,371.13	
		19,736.74
		\$175,148.49

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

Toronto 15th June, 1927.

DISBURSEMENTS

1926			
June	24	Incidental expenses.....	\$300.00
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	17.62
		Robert Raw & Co.....	13.39
		Geo. H. Lees.....	106.34
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
July	19	Expenses Grand Lodge.....	6,501.00
	26	Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone.....	6.32
		Postage, D.G.M.....	10.00
		Postage Ben. Com.....	10.00
		Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00
		Travelling expenses G.M.....	750.00
		Stenographer, G.M.....	150.00
		Travelling expenses, D.G.M.....	125.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		Thos. Rowe, stenographer.....	75.00
		Incidental expenses.....	300.00
Aug.	25	Robt. Duncan Co.....	6.90
		The Times—Journal.....	12.75
		The Terminal Publishing Co.....	208.27
		Griffin & Richmond.....	4.47
		W. J. Fearman.....	20.25
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	2,218.12
		Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	28.56
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
Sept.	25	Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00

Sept.	30	Incidental expenses.....	300.00
Oct.	25	Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Payne & Hardy.....	27.42
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	70.88
		Robt. Duncan & Co.....	8.60
		Griffin & Richmond.....	95.20
		Stewart Davidson.....	40.00
		Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	5.76
		International Railway Publishing Co.....	5.00
		F. & J. McMulkin.....	75.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
Nov.	30	Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Postage on Proceedings.....	223.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
Dec.	15	Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Incidental expenses.....	300.00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Postage D.G.M.....	10.00
		Postage, Ben. Com.....	10.00
		Travelling expenses, G.M.....	750.00
		Stenographer, G.M.....	150.00
		Expenses, D.G.M.....	125.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		Thos. Rowe, stenographer.....	75.00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	49.09
		Hugh Murray.....	36.95
		R. B. Cheyne Ins.....	43.98
		Scrim.....	15.00
		G. H. Lees & Co.....	5.14
		Thos. Rowe, travelling expenses.....	350.00
1927			
Jan.	25	Thomas Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	9.91
		Griffin & Richmond.....	9.44
		Robt Raw & Co.....	31.51
		F. A. Copus.....	3.50
		Payne & Hardy.....	9.53

		W. R. Crockett & Son.....	105.52
		Robt. Duncan & Co.....	3,312.00
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
Feb.	22	Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6.32
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
Mar.	10	Cloke & Son.....	250.00
		Incidental expenses.....	300.00
		Griffin & Richmond.....	16.94
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	26.26
		Bell Telephone Co.....	7.20
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	100.00
		Auditor.....	150.00
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250.00
		Grand Secretary	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
April	23	Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon.....	100.00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	17.68
		Griffin & Richmond.....	42.73
April	23	Geo. H. Lees & Co.....	5.10
		Vault Rent	40.00
		W. T. Hand Firework.....	31.20
		The Reid Press.....	1,727.69
		Robt. Duncan.....	16.25
		R. F. Richardson.....	7.50
		Grand Secretary.....	500.00
		Chief Clerk.....	250.00
		Stenographer.....	166.66
		Clerk.....	150.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	7.20
May	25	Thos. Rowe.....	250.00
		J. B. Nixon	100.00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	7.20

Griffin & Richmond.....	38.37	
W. R. Crockett & Son.....	3.90	
A. M. Cunningham.....	25.00	
Robt. Duncan.....	16.90	
Geo. H. Lees.....	4.94	
Robt. Raw & Co.....	124.80	
Consecrations, etc.....	31.25	
Grand Secretary.....	500.00	
Chief Clerk.....	250.00	
Stenographer.....	166.74	
Clerk.....	150.00	
Thos. Rowe, travelling expenses.....	185.56	
	\$ 39,350.65	
Benevolent Orders.....	95,820.00	
Investments.....	20,241.10	
Bank balance May 31st,		
1927.....	\$22,107.87	
Less outstanding cheques....	2,371.13	
		19,736.74
		\$175,148.49

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1927

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 50,500.00	\$50,500.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	4,650.00	5,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	26,000.00	26,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5	5	10,000.00	10,000.00
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	5,223.00	5,000.00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	5¼	5¼	5,000.00	5,000.00
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅞	2,116.04	2,000.00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8,173.00	8,000.00
Brantford, City of.....	4½	6	4,442.00	5,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	3,000.00	3,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5	5	10,000.00	10,000.00
Dominion of Canada, C.N.R. Equipment.....	5	4.95	1,503.75	1,500.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	6½	5,192.26	5,072.00
Hamilton, City of.....	4	6	4,284.00	5,000.00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509.80	500.00
Manitoba, Province of....	5½	5.30	7,143.50	7,000.00
New Westminster City of	5	4.80	5,125.00	5,000.00
New Westminster City of	5	4¾	5,280.50	5,000.00
National Trusts Corp.....	5½	5½	10,000.00	10,000.00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1,613.60	1,509.58
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.55	3,790.00	4,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.30	9,700.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.50	10,463.75	11,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6.05	4,975.00	5,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	16,160.60	15,000.00
Peterborough, City of....	4½	4½	5,121.37	5,121.37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1,009.31	1,000.00
Strathcona, City of.....	4½	4¾	4,842.00	5,018.28
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4⅞	12,026.07	12,148.50
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅞	980.85	1,000.00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.....	6½	6½	15,057.18	15,057.18

GENERAL ACCOUNT Statement of Assets—Continued

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4.05	4,484.14	4,866.66
Toronto, City of.....	5½	5.40	8,152.80	8,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6¼	5,681.40	6,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	11,600.40	12,000.00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	2,901.30	3,000.00
Woodstock, City of.....	5½	6	4,655.80	5,000.00
York, Township of.....	6	6	10,000.00	10,000.00
York, Township of.....	5½	5¾	981.40	1,000.00
York, Township of.....	6	5¾	4,074.00	4,000.00
East York Township.....	5	5.10	1,980.00	2,000.00
Windsor, City of.....	5	5	10,000.00	10,000.00
			\$328,393.82	\$330,293.57

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce ..	22,107.87	
Less outstanding cheques.....	2,371.13	
		19,736.74
		<u>\$350,030.31</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1927, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct.
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.
Auditor.

Toronto, June 15th, 1927.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1927.

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1926.....	3,096.01	
Outstanding cheques.....	955.00	
		\$ 2,141.01
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ended 31st May, 1927 from lodges.....	310.00	
Interest on investments.....	5,244.16	
Interest on Bank deposits.....	108.10	
Benevolent cheques cancelled.....	85.00	
Belleville debenture matured.....	820.28	
Calgary debenture matured.....	4,000.00	
Windsor debenture matured.....	1,415.04	
Berlin debenture matured.....	101.40	
		12,083.98
		\$14,224.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Tor. General Trusts Corporation Guaranteed Investment.....		6,235.00
Benevolent Orders.....		4,680.00
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	4,584.99	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,275.00	
		3,309.99
		\$14,224.99

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

Toronto, June 15th, 1927.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1927

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	837.00	900.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	5½	5½	6,000.00	6,000.00
Toronto General Trusts Corp.....	5	5	6,235.00	6,235.00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	231.56	218.27
Barton, Township of.....	5½	5.20	2,089.20	2,000.00
Canada Permanent Trust Co.....	5½	5½	4,000.00	4,000.00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1,439.71	1,528.43
Etobicoke, Township of.....	6½	6½	2,107.50	2 107.50
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695.60	2,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5.30	1,023.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,046.40	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,040.80	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5.20	1,072.90	1,000.00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5½	1,015.30	1,000.00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1,019.60	1,000.00
Lindsay, Town of.....	6	5.40	1,045.40	1,000.00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of.....	4½	4¾	2,880.60	3,000.00
National Trust Co.....	5½	5½	1,400.00	1,400.00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	4½	2,200.80	2,000.00
Owen Sound, City of.....	5	5.20	1,950.60	2,000.00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,971.42	4,787.92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4,316.40	4,316.40
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5.40	1,606.05	1,500.00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1,693.20	2,000.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4¾	4½	1,905.20	1,850.00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3,854.72	3,854.72
St. Mary's, Town of.....	4½	4.80	8,658.63	9,000.00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of.....	5	4¾	1,862.64	1,800.00
Shuniah, Municipality of.....	5	4⅞	1,015.90	1,000.00
Strathroy, Town of.....	5	5⅞	481.60	565.85
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6	943.00	1,000.00
Walkerville, City of.....	4½	5⅞	599.88	639.13
Windsor, City of.....	5	6	2,430.70	2,706.65
Windsor, City of.....	6	5.35	272.82	258.11
York, Township of.....	6	6½	1,382.41	1,440.72
York, Township of.....	5½	5	4,130.40	4,000.00
Hamilton Mas. Associ.....	6	6	100.00	100.00
Windsor.....	5	5	3,488.09	3,478.67
Windsor.....	5	5	3,000.00	3,000.00
Windsor.....	5	5	1,000.00	1,000.00
York Township East.....	5	5.10	9,222.35	9,315.50
			\$102,667.18	\$103,402.87

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$4,584.99	
Less outstanding cheques.....	1,275.00	
		<u>\$3,309.99</u>
		<u>\$106,712.86</u>

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-Centennial Fund on the 31st day of May, 1927, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the Debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, 15th Jnne, 1927

Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing
an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the
Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st
May, 1927.

The following statements are herewith submitted
viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on
General Account; Details of Receipts on General Ac-
count and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1927;
a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments
to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure;
Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May,
1927; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to
the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial
Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disburse-
ments on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1927.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	201.20		
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	487.50		
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	470.25	6.00	
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	381.20	13.00	
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	125.00	258.50	
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	292.50		
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	200.50	1.50	
11	Moira.....	Belleville.....	481.10	6.50	
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	211.50		1.00
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	409.00	6.00	
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	572.50	14.50	
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	299.50		
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	314.50		
20	St. John's.....	London.....	469.40		
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	134.00	1.00	
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	476.50	7.00	
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	139.50	1.00	
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	300.00	6.00	
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	314.00	6.00	
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	202.50	2.50	
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	556.00	5.25	
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	117.50		
29	United.....	Brighton.....	199.00		
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	162.50	8.00	
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	246.50		
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	280.00	3.50	
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	271.50	1.00	
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	238.50		
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	147.50	1.20	
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	206.25	3.00	
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	377.00	1.00	
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	102.50		
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	707.00	4.00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	358.50	1.00	
42	St. George's.....	London.....	401.00	12.00	
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	498.00	6.00	
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	570.50	3.60	
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	548.60	6.60	
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	361.75	11.20	
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	1060.00		
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	259.00	2.00	
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	111.50		.50
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	1283.50		
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	142.50		.50
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	109.00	1.00	
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	405.00	2.25	
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	179.50	1.00	
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	412.00	1.00	
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	911.00	7.50	

62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	151.50	1.80
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place....	229.50	
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	532.00	
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	591.00	13.00
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	109.50	
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	163.50	
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	182.50	
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	246.50	5.00
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	152.30	
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta....	85.50	
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	336.00	6.00
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	363.00	
77	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	371.00	10.00
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	288.75	2.00
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	147.50	
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges .	132.00	
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	225.00	
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	219.00	6.00
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	161.20	
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	102.00	1.00
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	449.00	2.25
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	230.50	1.00
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	242.00	.50
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	251.50	6.50
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	126.50	
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	537.50	5.50
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	233.50	
94	St. Mark.....	Port Stanley.....	93.00	1.20
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	390.50	.50
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	123.50	1.50
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	84.50	
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	179.50	7.00
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	373.50	2.00
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	275.00	7.00
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines....	422.75	
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	189.00	5.50
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls....	361.25	2.00
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	153.50	
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	99.90	
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	114.00	.50
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	198.00	
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	208.00	
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	189.50	
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	283.00	
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	252.50	1.00
116	Cassia.....	Theford.....	123.50	
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	78.50	
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	146.00	3.00
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	88.50	1.50
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	637.50	8.00
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	184.50	
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	455.00	6.00
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	236.00	
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	272.50	1.00
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	191.00	8.00
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	242.50	1.00

129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	162.00	.50	
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	144.10	1.25	
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	145.00	6.00	
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	192.00		
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	126.50	.50	
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	199.00	1.00	
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	330.50	6.00	
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	198.50		2.50
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	159.00		5.00
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	140.50		
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	157.00	2.00	
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	415.00	6.00	
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	115.50		
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	100.50		
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	171.40		3.00
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	357.00		
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	166.50	6.00	
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	454.00		1.50
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	151.00		
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	160.50	2.00	
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough	362.00	7.00	
156	York.....	Toronto.....	460.70	1.00	
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	95.00		
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	129.00		
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	88.50		1.00
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	165.50	4.00	
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	74.00		
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	145.00		
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	258.00	1.50	
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	318.45	4.00	
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	310.50	1.00	
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	235.50		
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	144.50	.50	
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n....	56.00	1.00	
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	120.00		
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	134.50		
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	529.50		
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	64.00		
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	373.50	8.10	
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	80.25	1.00	
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	197.50		2.50
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	81.50	1.50	
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	63.00		
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	115.50		
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	475.50	14.50	
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	134.50	6.00	
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	296.50		
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	323.00		3.00
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	205.00		
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	192.00	12.00	
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	128.00		
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	308.00		
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	145.00	1.20	
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg....	78.00		.50
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	122.55		
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	526.20	1.00	

209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	127.00		
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	132.50		.50
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	284.25		1.50
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	100.00	2.50	
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	359.00		
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	185.50	6.00	
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	244.50	1.00	
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	274.50	6.00	
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	195.25		.50
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	106.00		
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	98.00	6.00	
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	266.50	6.00	
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	131.00	17.00	
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	301.60	3.00	
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	316.50		1.00
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	499.90		
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	145.50		
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	166.50	.50	
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	123.00		
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	147.50		
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	149.50	3.00	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	105.50		
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	123.60	2.00	
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	198.25	1.00	
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	136.50		
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	100.00		
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	163.60		
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	377.50	7.00	
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	241.00	13.00	
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	164.50		
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	410.50	12.00	
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	603.75	3.00	
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	178.00		3.00
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	101.00		
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	507.50	1.00	
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	387.00		
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	202.50		
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	223.50	7.20	
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	58.00		
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	141.50		
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	185.50	3.00	
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	505.00	2.00	
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	240.50	3.00	
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	139.50		
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	558.20	6.00	
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	106.50	8.80	
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	127.00		
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	323.50	1.00	
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	132.50		
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	238.50		
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	244.50	6.00	
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	126.50	.30	
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	146.50	7.00	
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	153.00	.50	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	176.00	1.00	
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	343.00		

284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	153.50		
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	227.00		
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	197.00	.60	
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	497.50	5.50	
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	162.50		
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	344.50		
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro..	149.50		
292	Robertson.....	King.....	110.50		
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	113.00	1.00	
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	148.00		.50
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines...	433.70		1.00
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	191.00		
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	87.00		
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	96.50		
302	St. David.....	St. Thomas.....	583.50	12.00	
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	110.00		
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	206.50		
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	298.50	3.20	
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	158.95		
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	77.00		
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	127.50	1.00	
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	91.00	3.00	
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	235.00	1.00	
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	162.50	1.50	
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	179.00		
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	83.00	.50	
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	462.00	6.00	
318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	59.50	1.00	
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	220.00		
320	Chester ville.....	Chester ville.....	130.00		
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	188.00		
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	252.00	6.00	
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	122.50		1.00
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	629.50	7.00	
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	93.50		
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	686.50	10.00	
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	87.50		
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	70.50		
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	102.00	2.00	
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	371.00	.50	
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	65.50		
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	392.00		
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	148.50	6.00	
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	90.50		.50
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	132.00		
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson...	140.50		
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	162.00	1.00	
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	521.00	2.00	
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....	83.00		
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	521.50	4.00	
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n.	118.50		
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	170.50		4.00
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	508.00		
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	126.00	3.75	
348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene	160.50		
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	352.50	7.00	

354	Brock	Cannington	103.50	6.00	
356	River Park	Streetsville	176.00		12.00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	211.50	3.00	
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	65.50		
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	95.00		
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	159.00		
361	Waverly	Guelph	450.50	8.00	
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	88.00		
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	104.00		
367	St. George	Toronto	545.60	2.25	
368	Salem	Brockville	368.50		
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	306.10		
370	Harmony	Delta	119.50		
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	384.00	3.00	
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	191.00	6.75	
373	Copstone	Welland	322.70		
374	Keene	Keene	47.70		
375	Lorne	Omeme	125.50		
376	Unity	Huntsville	210.00	6.00	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	160.00		.50
378	King Solomon's	London	495.50	.50	
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	96.50		2.00
380	Union	London	405.00	3.00	
382	Doric	Hamilton	559.20	13.10	
383	Henderson	Winchester	197.00		1.50
384	Alpha	Toronto	698.00		
385	Spry	Beeton	99.00		
386	McColl	West Lorne	199.00	3.00	
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	96.00	.50	
388	Henderson	Ilderton	125.25		
389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	96.00		3.50
390	Florence	Florence	110.50	2.50	
391	Howard	Ridgetown	187.50		
392	Huron	Camlachie	120.00		
393	Forest	Chesley	150.00	3.00	
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	119.00	4.50	
395	Parvaim	Comber	98.00	2.50	
396	Cedar	Warton	186.00		
397	Leopold	Brigden	144.00	1.00	
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	104.00		
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	87.00	3.00	
400	Oakville	Oakville	292.00	2.00	
401	Craig	Deseronto	139.50		.50
402	Central	Essex	215.30		
403	Windsor	Windsor	731.00	13.50	
404	Lorne	Tamworth	82.00		
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	98.00		
406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	119.50	.50	
408	Murray	Beaverton	152.00	6.00	
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	156.00		
410	Zeta	Toronto	500.70	12.50	
411	Rodney	Rodney	142.00	2.70	
412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	512.40		
413	Naphtali	Tilbury	132.50		.50
414	Pequonga	Kenora	321.00	4.10	
415	Fort William	Fort William	558.00		

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	60.50	
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	121.50	
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	123.00	
419	Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	191.00	
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	326.50	6.00
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	101.00	4.00
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	98.50	
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	145.00	
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	77.00	
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	121.60	
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	591.50	.50
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	411.00	1.20
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	189.10	6.10
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	93.00	1.00
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	491.10	2.00
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	53.50	
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	141.00	
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	151.50	
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	143.50	
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	145.60	1.00
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	94.00	1.00
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	558.50	
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	436.50	1.50
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	106.00	3.00
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	111.00	
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	99.50	
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	178.00	.50
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	133.00	1.00
444	Nitetis.....	Creemore.....	131.50	5.00
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora.....	123.00	6.00
446	Granite.....	Fort Francis.....	298.70	
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	114.00	4.00
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	104.00	6.00
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	116.00	
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	123.00	1.00
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	95.50	
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	119.00	3.00
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	299.60	1.00
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	163.50	
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	107.10	
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	78.00	
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	151.20	4.00
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	143.50	
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	138.50	
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	92.50	
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	129.50	
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	208.00	
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	102.50	6.00
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	120.50	
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	78.00	1.00
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	125.00	6.00
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	96.50	
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	146.50	
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	363.00	
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour.....	142.00	
471	King Edward VII ..	Chippawa.....	137.50	1.00

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	150.00	
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	318.00	4.00
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	470.75	1.00
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	651.00	
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	105.50	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	114.50	5.00
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	102.00	
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	164.50	
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	72.00	
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	555.50	7.00
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	203.00	3.00
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	76.50	6.00
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	145.50	12.50
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	248.00	
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	335.00	6.00
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	102.50	2.50
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	198.00	
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	186.00	1.00
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	95.50	
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	113.00	1.00
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	141.50	.60
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	166.00	1.00
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	457.25	1.00
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	707.00	6.00
496	University.....	Toronto.....	603.80	
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	135.65	2.50
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	93.50	1.00
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	379.50	1.00
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	225.50	1.50
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	273.50	1.00
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	140.50	.60
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	106.50	7.00
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	75.50	
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	105.60	3.00
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	195.00	1.00
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	120.00	
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	288.00	.50
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	289.50	6.00
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	400.75	2.20
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William..	180.00	1.00
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	141.00	1.00
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	676.10	13.00
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	393.50	3.00
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	272.00	4.00
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	103.50	
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	96.00	4.00
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	153.00	4.00
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	102.50	
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	458.50	3.00
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	582.50	2.50
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	475.00	1.00
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	221.00	1.00
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	202.50	2.35
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	379.00	8.00
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	246.00	
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	117.00	

528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	292.00	.50	
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	57.00		
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	194.00	13.00	
531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	645.00	2.00	
532	Canada.....	Toronto.....	412.00		
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	359.50	2.00	
534	Englehart.....	Englehart.....	156.30		
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	125.50		
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	152.00		
537	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	888.00		37.50
538	Earl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	82.50	4.00	
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	168.00		
540	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	176.50	8.00	
541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	506.10	1.00	
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	236.00	2.00	
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	273.50	19.70	
544	Lincoln.....	Abingdon.....	73.50		.50
545	John Ross Rob tson.....	Toronto	408.50	2.00	
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	309.50	.50	
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	36.60	6.00	
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	326.00	1.00	
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	319.90		
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	460.60		
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	482.10	10.00	
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	403.00		
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	247.50	1.00	
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	230.50		
555	Wardrope.....	Hamilton.....	408.00	14.00	
556	Nation.....	Spencerville.....	75.00	1.00	
557	Finch.....	Finch.....	104.00	3.00	
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	200.00		
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	177.50	13.50	
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	254.50		
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	164.50	1.00	
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	622.50	6.00	
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	301.00	13.00	
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	190.00	1.00	
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	668.00	1.00	
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	218.00		
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	86.00	6.00	
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	68.00		
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	70.50		
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	336.50	3.60	
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	223.00	14.50	
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	419.00	3.00	
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	274.10	7.00	
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	91.00		
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	234.00	6.00	
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	310.00		
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	301.00	1.00	
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	299.00	1.00	
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	287.60	20.20	
580	Acacia.....	London.....	334.50	9.00	
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	81.00		
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	383.60	13.00	
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	306.00	12.00	

584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	92.00	6.50
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	121.00	
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	317.00	2.00
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	223.50	4.00
588	National.....	Capreol.....	140.50	6.00
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	206.60	
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	136.00	
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	265.00	1.00
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	171.00	
593	St. Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	478.50	8.00
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	228.50	3.00
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	281.50	
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	43.50	
597	Temple.....	London.....	131.50	7.00
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	223.00	7.50
599	Mount Dennis.....	Weston.....	224.50	
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	195.50	7.00
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	194.50	1.00
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	225.00	10.00
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville.....	97.00	
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	164.30	8.00
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	134.00	4.00
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	142.00	3.00
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	118.00	2.00
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	107.50	
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	60.50	3.00
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	119.00	3.00
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	117.00	12.00
612	Birch Cliffe.....	Birch Cliffe.....	174.50	8.00
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	102.50	
614	Adanac.....	Merritton.....	85.10	4.00
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	102.00	1.75
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines.....	101.00	
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	100.00	
618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	119.00	3.00
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	197.00	10.00
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	226.00	3.00
621	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	59.00	
622	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	100.50	1.00
623	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	156.00	13.50
624	Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin.....	86.00	
625	Hatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	64.50	
626	Stamford.....	South End.....	105.00	1.00
627	Peelee.....	Scudder.....	135.50	2.00
628	Glenrose.....	Elmira.....	54.50	1.00
629	Grenville.....	Toronto.....	219.50	7.00
630	Prince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	130.50	7.50
631	Manitou.....	Emo.....	98.00	
632	Long Branch.....	Mimico.....	116.10	12.50
633	Hastings.....	Hastings.....	138.30	
634	Delta.....	Toronto.....	275.50	12.00
635	Wellington.....	Toronto.....	293.95	2.50
636	Hornepayne.....	Hornepayne.....	154.00	7.00
637	Caledonia.....	Toronto.....	568.65	14.50

638 Bedford.....	Toronto.....	221.65	.50
U.D. Beach.....	Burlington Beach	131.00	4.00
U.D. Anthony Sayer.....	Mimico.....	89.50	
U.D. Garden.....	Windsor.....	109.50	
U.D. St. Andrew's.....	Windsor.....	122.00	7.00
U.D. Cathedral.....	Toronto.....		27.50
U.D. Simcoe.....	Toronto.....	20.00	15.00
U.D. Lake Shore.....	Mimico.....		32.50

\$129,203.00

Sundries.....	1,011.50
Interest.....	18,157.25
Refund Grand Lodge Expenses, 1926.....	172.45
Refund Kerr Lodge No. 230 Barrie.....	33.79
Debentures matured.....	352.45

\$148,930.44

GENERAL ACCOUNT **SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

Year ended May 31st, 1927

Fees, Registration of Initiations.....	\$15,045.00
Fees, Registration of Affiliations.....	739.50
Dues.....	103,292.00
Certificates.....	108.00
Constitutions.....	2,755.00
Ceremonies.....	164.00
Dispensations.....	911.00
Commutations of Dues.....	6,048.00
Warrants.....	90.00
Musical Rituals.....	60.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,002.00
Refund Grand Lodge Expenses, 1926.....	172.45
Refund from Kerr Lodge, No. 230.....	33.79
	\$130,420.74

Interest on Debentures and Bank Interest—

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	3,052.50
Landed Banking and Loan Company.....	281.25
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	1,977.50
Township of Barton.....	275.00
City of Brandon.....	100.00
City of Brantford.....	545.00
City of Brockville.....	15.46
Canada Permanent Trust.....	410.20
Dom. of Canada, C.N. Equipment.....	75.00
City of Hamilton.....	479.00
Town of Kincardine.....	25.00
Province of Manitoba.....	385.00
City of New Westminster.....	500.00
National Trust Company.....	550.00
County of Oxford.....	75.48
Province of Ontario.....	3,300.00
City of Peterborough.....	230.46
City of Port Arthur.....	50.00
City of Strathcona.....	225.82
City of St. Thomas.....	485.95
City of Stratford.....	45.00
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.....	978.72
City of Toronto.....	1,840.32
City of Woodstock.....	275.00
Township of York.....	895.00
Township, of East York.....	100.00
Bank Interest.....	984.59
	18,157.25
Total Revenue General Account.....	148,577.99

Debentures Matured and Paid—

City of Brockville.....	352.45
	\$148,930.44

GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Year ended May 31st, 1927

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st March, 1927.....	\$400.00	
H. Vigeon, auditor, salary to 31st March, 1927.....	600.00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, salary to May, 1927.....	6,000.00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, salary to 31st May 1927.....	3,000.00	
J. Place, stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1927	2,000.00	
F. J. Brown, clerk, salary to 31st May, 1927	1,800.00	
Incidentals Expenses, Grand Secretary's Office.....	1,500.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.....	567.40	
Ceremonies.....	110.58	
Certificates and Warrants.....	89.29	
Proceedings, 1926.....	3,070.34	
Constitutions.....	3,993.33	
Telephone Services.....	78.48	
Insurance on Furniture, etc. and Bond Premiums.....	213.13	
Safety Deposit Box Rental.....	40.00	
Office Rent.....	1,000.00	
Postage on Proceedings.....	223.00	
Postage Chairman of Committees.....	40.00	
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00	
Allowance to Grand Master, 1926-1927.....	1,500.00	
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	300.00	
Allowance to Deputy Grand Master.....	250.00	
Memorial Tributes.....	15.00	
Expenses, Consecrations, etc.....	31.25	
Expenses Grand Lodge Fort William and Port Arthur, 1926.....	6,945.04	
Portraits and Framing.....	25.00	
Past Masters 50 year Jewels.....	165.75	
Expenses Grand Lodge Guelph, 1927.....	7.50	
Vault Fixtures.....	250.00	
		\$ 34,465.09
Inspector of Benevolence J. B. Nixon.....	1,200.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence, Thos. Rowe.....	3,000.00	
Supervisor of Benevolence Travelling expenses and Stenographer.....	685.56	
		4,885.56
		\$39,350.65
Debentures purchased.....		20,241.10
Benevolent Grants.....		95,820.00
		\$155,411.75

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st, 1927

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges and Districts.	
Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77, Lindsay	10.00
Runnymede Lodge No. 619, Toronto.....	100.00
Prince Edward District.....	200.00
	\$310.00
Debentures matured:	
City of Berlin.....	101.40
City of Belleville.....	820.28
City of Calgary.....	4,000.00
City of Windsor.....	1,415.04
	6,336.72
	\$6,646.72

REVENUE ACCOUNT

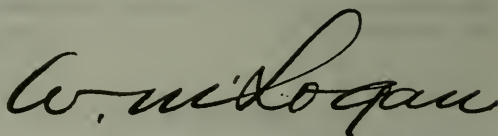
Interest on Investment and Bank Account as per detailed statement.....	5,327.26
	\$11,973.98

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

Dominion of Canada, War Loans.....	\$346.50
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	317.50
Town of Berlin.....	15.98
City of Belleville.....	24.61
Township of Barton.....	110.00
City of Calgary.....	90.00
Canada Permanent Trust Company.....	375.88
Town of Durham.....	76.42
Township of Etobicoke.....	136.99
Town of Galt.....	80.00
City of Hamilton.....	290.00
Town of Kincardine.....	50.00
Town of Lindsay.....	60.00
District of N. Vancouver.....	135.00
National Trust Company.....	77.00
Town of Owen Sound.....	200.00
Town of Oakville.....	239.37
Town of Oshawa.....	194.24
Province of Ontario.....	90.00
City of Peterborough.....	321.34
Town of St. Mary's.....	405.00

City of S. Ste. Marie.....	90.00	
Municipality of Shuniah.....	50.00	
Town of Strathroy.....	28.29	
City of Toronto.....	55.00	
Town of Walkerville.....	28.76	
City of Windsor.....	553.08	
Township of York.....	306.44	
Township of East York.....	465.76	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	6.00	
Bank Interest.....	108.10	
		\$5,327.26

All of which is fraternally submitted.



Grand Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.

Auditor

Toronto, 15th, June, 1927

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary then presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters which follow: It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the Grand Secretary and resolved: That the reports of the D.D.G.Ms. be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ALGOMA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the District of Algoma for the Masonic year ending June, 1927.

My first official act after assuming office was to dedicate Manitou Lodge No. 631, Emo. On my visit to Emo, I officially visited Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River, Sept. 15th, 1926, Wor. Bro. E. E. Jess in the East. There was a very large attendance. There were quite a number of visiting Brethren from various lodges. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. G. Ross. The Third Degree was exemplified in a very fitting manner. I then addressed the brethren on "The Necessity of Benevolence".

By the direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master a special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened at Emo at 7.30 p.m. Sept. 16th, 1926, for the purpose of Dedicating, Consecrating and Installing the officers of Manitou Lodge, No. 631. This ceremony I performed, assisted by Wor. Bro. W. T. Cameron of Sioux Lookout and the following Past Masters of Granite Lodge No. 461, Fort Frances: Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Walker, P.D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. F. H. Huffman, Wor. Bro. W. J. Clarke, Wor. Bro. F. H. Warner, Wor. Bro. W. W. Weir, Wor. Bro. A. H. Watson, Wor. Bro. C. Russell, Wor. Bro. C. B. Campbell, Wor. Bro. F. Morrison. The installation and investing of the officers was performed by Wor. Bro. W. T. Cameron in a very impressive man-

ner. This is the youngest lodge in the district and is in a flourishing condition. The future of Manitou Lodge is very promising.

On Feb. 28th, 1927, I officially visited Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584, Fort William. I received a very hearty welcome from the Wor. Master, Bro. F. J. Rathbone and members. There was no work but a very interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Faulkner, an affiliated Past Master who has been active since he joined the lodge and has given splendid service. W. Bro. Knutson, a splendid speaker, also gave an interesting and inspiring address entitled "Masonic Barnacles".

On April 7th I again visited Kaministiquia Lodge at an emergent meeting called for Degree work and had the pleasure of witnessing the Second Degree exemplified in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Rathbone and officers. Kaministiquia Lodge is a young lodge and its future looks bright and encouraging. V.W. Bro. Read, the secretary, has held this office since the institution of this lodge.

I officially visited Shuniah Lodge No. 287 on March 1st. I find that it is the oldest and wealthiest lodge in the district. The business was disposed of in a manner deserving the highest praise. Even the signing of the minutes was attended to without delay. The Secretary, Bro. Freed, has everything under his care in good order. A most complete set of books is kept. There was no degree work. The opening and closing in the different degrees was done in an excellent manner. I gave an address on "Benevolence". Several other inspiring addresses were given and a splendid entertainment provided. One and all voted the occasion a big night for Masonry.

I officially visited Royal Lodge No. 453 on March 2nd. The W. Master, J. H. Irwin tendered the greetings of all the brethren of Royal Lodge. I then proceeded to address the brethren on the subject of Benevolence pointing out that it was the expressed wish of the Most Wor. the Grand Master that all Masons should not only

talk Benevolence but to practise it continually. There was no work in any of the degrees for this evening. After the lodge was closed R.W. Bro. F. B. Allen gave the brethren who had adjourned to the banquet room a most interesting talk, taking for his subject "Settlement in Canada before and after Confederation", and as R.W. Bro. Allan is widely known as a speaker, the brethren enjoyed a pleasant and profitable evening. There was an overflow attendance many visiting brethren being present.

On March 3rd I paid my official visit to Port Arthur, Thunder Bay Lodge No. 618, where I was greeted by a large attendance of members and visitors. I extended to the brethren greeting from the Grand Lodge wishing them success and prosperity being the baby lodge in the Twin Cities. The lodge was then raised to the second and third degrees. Nine brethren were examined in the third degree as to their proficiency and presented with their certificates. I then impressed upon the brethren the necessity of Benevolence, after which we adjourned.

I paid my official visit to Connaught Lodge, Tuesday, March 8th. The lodge was opened in the second degree and to the third degree and a brother was raised to the sublime degree. The work of the officers in the various degrees was very creditable. An interesting item of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. E. C. Schoales by P.D.D.G.M. Bro. A. R. Mills on behalf of the lodge. I wish to thank the brethren for their kindness in arranging an emergent meeting for my convenience.

I officially visited Fort William Lodge No. 413 on March 9th in company with Bro. O. Coles, P.G. Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons. There was a very large attendance with many visitors from the Twin City Lodges. This lodge is famed for its hospitality. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. J. H. Evans, the ruling Master, and he was ably supported by his officers. The business was disposed of in a manner deserving the highest praise. The work for the evening was the third degree which was put on by Thunder Bay Lodge, Port Arthur with full musical ritual, and was most ably exemplified.

I would say that the condition of Masonry in this lodge is splendid. The candidates that are coming in are a splendid type of manhood. I delivered a short address on "Benevolence" pointing out that our Most Worshipful the Grand Master is most insistent that the necessity of Benevolence and the necessity for its constant practice be emphasized.

I officially visited Port Arthur Lodge on Thursday, March 10th. I am indebted to W. Bro. Russell for arranging this meeting for my convenience on a night other than the regular meeting night of the lodge. I received a very courteous welcome. There was a very good attendance and I was pleased to see so many Past Masters of the Lodge and Masters and Past Masters of other city lodges present. There being no candidate available, no degree work was put on. The lodge was opened and closed in all degrees by the Officers of the Lodge in a very efficient manner. At the request of the Worshipful Master, I instructed the brethren in the correct wording of the penalty of each degree. I also gave a short address on "Benevolence". A feature of the evening was a very eloquent address by R.W. Bro. F. B. Allen who took as his subject "The Builders". The address was a masterly one and was received with deep appreciation. The lodge has for its secretary R.W. Bro. Rome whose books are neatly and well kept. The lodge is in excellent financial standing and is in a vigorous condition.

My official visit was made to Granite Lodge No 446 on April 5th. There was a good attendance in spite of a very bad storm. The equipment, furniture, and work of this lodge appear to be highly satisfactory. The lodge is well officered and the members manifest a deep interest in all matters affecting the welfare of the lodge. The third degree was exemplified in a perfect manner. Masonry is in a very healthy condition in this lodge. Bro. J. R. Angus is a very capable secretary and his books are in a splendid condition.

Algoma District in the year just closed loses one of its most widely known and esteemed brethren, R.W. Bro. Charles J. Holland, P.D.D.G.M. The craft has

lost one of its most faithful workers. Whatever may be said of his life as a Mason will fall short of his actual achievements. It was at his instigation and through his persistent efforts that Granite Lodge was instituted. He was its first master.

My second official visit to Manitou Lodge No. 631 was on April 6th. I was introduced by W. Bro. R. B. Langstaff, who has the honor of being the first Master of this, the baby lodge in Algoma District. This lodge is doing splendid work and is very active and energetic. The officers conferred the first degree in a very dignified and impressive manner. There was a large attendance and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The Fraternal friendship existing among the brethren proves them to be a happy family. I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. R. B. Langstaff with a Past Master's Jewel on behalf of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master Bro. Lyons deserves special mention. His home being seven miles from the lodge, he has to walk the railroad track in winter time in order to fill his office. Great credit is due him for his faithfulness.

My second official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 461 was made on April 7th. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Murray and his officers. The Worshipful Master and officers proved to be real Masons and are putting forth an honest endeavour to promote the best interests of our Fraternity. On each of these visits I was received with the very highest degree of courtesy and welcomed in a true Masonic spirit.

On Wednesday, May 4th I visited jointly Pequonga Lodge No. 414 and Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 455. I was officially introduced and accorded a very hearty welcome from the brethren of both lodges, there being a large number of members present as well as visitors from several other lodges. The third degree was conferred by the officers of both lodges in the most impressive manner. The officers of Pequonga vacated their chairs to the officers of The Lake of the Woods Lodge who closed the lodge in the three degrees. The business of

the lodge was disposed of in a highly creditable manner. I delivered a short address to the brethren on Benevolence. There were several addresses given by other brethren on the fundamental principles of Masonry.

Lake of the Woods lodge lost one of their esteemed members in the person of R.W. Bro. Judge Chapple. If I were asked what one word would best sum up the predominating feature of his life and character I would answer "Constancy". In business or in social life he was always the same, a thoughtful, true and courteous gentleman. Whenever he put his hands to the plough he laid the furrows straight and deep.

I officially visited Golden Star Lodge No. 484 on May 5th. I am indebted to Wor. Bro. Geo. Wice for arranging this meeting for my convenience on a night other than the regular meeting night of the lodge. A very large attendance. The lodge was opened in the three degrees. The Worshipful Master stating that the candidate for raising having failed to attend, Bro. Dr. Morrison volunteered to act in his stead. The work was exemplified in a very dignified and impressive manner.

Golden Star Lodge has a very nice temple which was dedicated July 29th, 1926 by the following as Grand Lodge Officers:

R.W. Bro. A. M. Taylor as Grand Master; R.W. Bro. H. S. Galloway as Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Campbell as Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. Proudfoot as Grand Junior Warden; W. Bro. D. W. Scott as Grand Chaplain; W. Bro. D. Reid, Grand Treasurer; W. Bro. A. E. Berry, Grand Secretary; W. Bro. D. G. Dingwall as Grand Organist; W. Bro. A. Clempson as Architect; W. Bro. F. Pinkerton as Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Humphreys as Grand Pursuivant.

I officially visited Keewatin Lodge No. 417 on May 6th. There was a large attendance. The hall was filled to capacity, a number of the brethren having motored over from Kenora Lodges. There was not room enough in the East to hold the Past Masters. This lodge ranks

high in the Algoma District and possess a very fine set of hand painted charts that are very artistic. The business of the lodge was disposed of in a manner deserving the highest praise, even the signing of the minutes were attended to without delay.

W. Bro. F. L. Sweet and his officers conferred the first degree in a very efficient and impressive manner. The Junior Warden's lecture deserves special mention being exceptionally well rendered and word perfect.

Before the lodge closed I addressed the brethren on the distinguishing characteristic of every Mason, Benevolence.

I officially visited Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518 on Oct. 4th, 1926. The business was disposed of in a very able manner. W. Bro. Beath and a capable staff of officers conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner. I had much pleasure in presenting a Past Master's Jewel to the I.P.M., Wor Bro. Shields.

I visited this lodge officially again on May 18th, 1927. Conditions here are fairly healthy from an economic as well as a Masonic standpoint; the enthusiasm recently appears to have taken an upward trend. The lodge has a number of Past Masters well equipped to participate in the work. The attendance is not what it might be but a development along this line has recently taken shape. A system of instructive talks has been introduced this year which is accomplishing much in the promotion of Harmony and Cultivation of a good Masonic spirit. Bro. G. P. Greer gave an address on "Duty to our Fellow Man"; W. Bro. W. T. Cameron gave an address on "The Age of the Craft"; Bro. W. J. Iball gave an address on "Ideals to which a Mason should Aspire"; and on my last official visit Bro. W. D. Cram, of the Provincial Forestry Branch and late of McGill University, gave an interesting address after the lodge was closed on "Forestry". The lodge has a very efficient secretary who is a credit to them.

Conclusion

I cannot close without expressing to the officers and brethren of Algoma District my earnest appreciation of their co-operation and support. Although the duties of the office have at times seemed burdensome, the cordiality with which all my efforts have been received and the enthusiasm with which the work has been done in the District, fill me with the hope that Masonry in this District and in other districts, and even throughout the world, will continue to flourish and render beneficial and elevating service to the members of the Craft and to the rest of mankind. To visit all the lodges in this district, means to travel approximately three thousand miles.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. GREEN,

D.D.G.M. Algoma District.

BRANT DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my report of Brant District for the Masonic year ending June 24, 1927.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. C. L. Gamble as District Secretary and Bro. (Rev.) J. N. H. Mills as District Chaplain. Their counsel and co-operation have done much to assist me in my work.

One of the pleasing events of the year was the reception given me by my own lodge on September 21 when the President of the Past Masters' Association presented me with my regalia. On this occasion the Ruling Masters of the District outside of Brantford exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. There was a very large number of brethren present showing their keen interest in the welfare of masonry in the district.

I have visited all the lodges of the district and generally found the work carried on in a satisfactory manner. In some lodges I made suggestions as to how the officers might create greater interest on the part of the brethren. The Masters are making a commendable effort to make masonry a strong influence for good in the community. A fine spirit of harmony prevails throughout the district.

I would strongly recommend the raising of the annual dues so that the lodge would not have to depend on the initiation fee to pay the running expenses. I am afraid that, owing to lack of funds, there is sometimes a tendency to admit men who will not ultimately reflect honour on our choice.

On December 27 I had the honour of installing and investing the officers of the Brantford lodges, this being the first occasion of their having a joint installation. In

The work of all the officers was dignified and impressive. This lodge has a number of enthusiastic past masters who maintain a sustained interest in the work. Wor. Bro. W. D. Staples is the efficient secretary.

March 8th, 1927, Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton—On this date I visited the lodge in Walkerton and found over one hundred of the brethren assembled to do honour to the occasion. I was introduced to the master and brethren by W. Bro. C. T. Boss, the very capable secretary and was received most heartily by the Master, W. Bro. F. B. James and brethren. The entered apprentice degree was conferred on a candidate in a correct and impressive manner, the Master, Wardens and Deacon doing their work in almost faultless style. The use of the full musical ritual greatly added to the interest and dignity of the proceedings. The Walkerton brethren have a fine commodious lodge room and harmony among the members is evident, W. Bro. Boss being an especially earnest worker for masonry. It was a pleasure to meet R.W. Bro. Walker, P.D.D.G.M. of Bruce District and R.W. Bro. Linklater D.D.G.M. of North Huron District.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 362 Tara—This lodge was visited April 11th accompanied by my District Secretary W. Bro. J. A. Magee. I was introduced to the master and brethren by P.D.D.G.M. Bro. McDonald. No candidates being present for degrees the initiatory ceremony was exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Chittenden and his officers in a capable manner. The opening and closing in second and third degrees was also performed quite creditably when the paucity of candidates is considered. The Secretary, W. Bro. Shannon is capable and enthusiastic as are the Wor. Master and his officers. We had an enjoyable visit and were delighted to note the sincere attention given to a talk on the spiritual side of masonry.

St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton—On April 19th I visited this lodge and was received heartily. There was a good attendance including R.W. Bros. Scott, Burns and Goodier. W. Bro. Matheson is a very efficient Master and with his Officers conferred both entered apprentice and fellow craft degrees correctly and

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Burns Lodge No. 436, Hepworth—This lodge was visited on the evening of May 6th and I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M. to the lodge and heartily welcomed. Burns Lodge is fortunate in possessing exceptionally capable officers who initiated a candidate impressively, the musical ritual being used throughout. A spirit of harmony and goodwill is evident and a desire to understand the deeper meaning of masonry. This lodge draws on Shallow Lake, Parkhead and a large farming community for its membership and have a well furnished, comfortable lodge room. A very fine banquet followed and an interesting toast list and program were quite enjoyed by those present. The hospitality of Burns Lodge is well known.

Harriston Lodge No. 262—On the evening of May 9th I visited the lodge at Harriston and was most cordially received. There was a good attendance and the E.A. Degree was conferred on a candidate quite efficiently. The master W. Bro. Anthony is a capable mason as are his staff of officers. This lodge is fortunate in having a particularly courteous and painstaking secretary in W. Bro. Hicks. His notices of meetings are unique and very interesting. The membership are enthusiastic and work in harmony, being interested in the deeper meaning of masonry.

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Cedar Lodge and their generous hospitality are well known in Bruce District. Prosperity and harmony prevail therein.

Port Elgin Lodge No. 429—At my official visit to this lodge on the evening of May 11th, I was most cordially received by W. Bro. Young the capable Master, his Officers and a good attendance of the members. I also had the pleasure of meeting again R.W. Bro. Scott of St. Lawrence Lodge. A profitable time was spent in opening and closing the various degrees and discussing various points of Masonic practice. The Craft in the Port Elgin Lodge is prosperous. In Bro. A. L. Wyant they have a good secretary.

Forest Lodge No. 393, Chesley—On the evening of May 12th I visited this lodge officially and was introduced to W. Bro. Gilles by P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Ross. The second degree was conferred on a well prepared candidate in a satisfactory manner, the various officers doing their work in a dignified and correct way. In W. Bro. Stevens, Forest Lodge has a loyal and capable secretary. A large attendance greeted me on this occasion and masonry appears to be prospering here.

Aldworth Lodge No. 235, Paisley—My official visit to this lodge was made Friday evening, May 13th and proved an enjoyable and profitable occasion despite the conjunction of the day and date. My introduction to W. Bro. McClure the genial Master was by W. Bro. McKelvey and the reception was most hearty and cordial. There being no candidate the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and much interesting and helpful discussion touching various phases of the work occurred. I tried to point out the deeper and spiritual meaning of masonry to which the members gave the closest attention. Aldworth Lodge is both prosperous and harmonious and have a valuable secretary in Bro. McKerracher.

Clifford Lodge No. 315—The evening of May 16th was the date of inspection for this lodge. An unfortunate circumstance prevented the attendance of the Wor. Master, so the I.P.M. Wor. Bro. Fulton occupied the

East. There being no candidate, the lodge was opened and closed in the various degrees and a discussion on interesting masonic procedure and the moral and spiritual foundation of masonry was beneficial to all present. As far as I could ascertain this lodge has capable and energetic officers and good will prevails. They are fortunate in possessing a beautiful and valuable lodge home. The secretary is an efficient and careful officer.

Moravian Lodge No. 431, Cargill—My last official visit in Bruce District was this lodge which occurred May 20th. Here I was most cordially received and introduced by P.D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Sirrs. The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on a well prepared candidate by the Master W. Bro. Hunstein and his officers in an earnest and correct manner. This lodge is the smallest in numbers in the district but they have a beautiful and commodious lodge room and the members are loyal. W. Bro. Ziegler is a real good secretary and much credit is due him.

In closing I desire to sincerely thank all those Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters and Brethren who have assisted me in so many ways to make my visits pleasant and profitable to masonry. I have received many courtesies which I will ever remember and made friends whom I will never forget.

Fraternally submitted,

M. S. ARMSTRONG,

D.D.G.M. Bruce Dist.

CHATHAM DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit my report for your consideration on the condition of Masonry in Chatham District for the past year.

Let me first convey to the Brethren of the District my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the splendid support given me throughout the entire District during my term of office.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Joseph H. Sullivan of Wellington Lodge No. 46, as the District Secretary. W. Bro. Sullivan accompanied me on nearly all my visits and I am indebted to him for his services.

I am very pleased to report that all of the fourteen lodges in the district are working 100% and are in a very healthy condition, both fraternally and financially.

I visited each lodge in the district at least once during my term of office and found the W.M. in each lodge able to work all three degrees.

I have endeavored to encourage exchange of fraternal visits and I am pleased to report an increase in these visits.

The following is a summary of the dates on which I paid my official visit to the various lodges.

Oct. 15th, 1926, Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate.
 Nov. 5th, 1926, Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence.
 Nov. 10th, 1926, Parthenon Lodge No. 267, Chatham.
 Nov. 26th, 1926, Howard Lodge, No. 391 Ridgetown.
 Mar. 8th, 1927, Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe.
 Mar. 28th, 1927, Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville.

Apr. 11th, 1927, Hammond Lodge No. 327, Wardsville.
Apr. 13th, 1927, Star of the East Lodge No. 422 Bothwell
Apr. 19th, 1927, Victory Lodge, No. 563, Chatham.
Apr. 22nd, 1927, Century Lodge, No. 457 Merlin.
Apr. 25th, 1927 Pnyx Lodge No. 312, Wallaceburg.
May 9th, 1927, Wellington Lodge No. 46, Chatham.
May 11th, 1927, Sydenham Lodge No. 255, Dresden.
May 16th, 1927, Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim.

Having in mind the suggestion of the M.W. or the Grand Master, that the report of D.D.G.M. be limited to certain space in Grand Lodge proceedings, I have endeavored to report as I find masonry in Chatham district.

In conclusion let me again thank the brethren of the District for their hearty support, particularly the brethren of my Mother Lodge Wellington Lodge No. 46, who accompanied me, many strong on each and every official visit, and to R.W. Bro. C. E. Clements P.D.D.G.M. Chatham District, R.W. Bro. J. W. Draper, P.D.D.G.M. Erie District, who rendered me valuable assistance and advice during the year.

Fraternaly submitted,

J. A. McCALLUM,
D.D.G.M. Chatham District.

EASTERN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor of submitting for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry, its progress and activities, in Eastern District for the year ending July, 1927.

I wish to again thank the Grand Master for approving of my election as his representative in this district for the past year. It has been a great privilege and inspiration to hold that office and thereby be brought into such close fellowship with the brethren of the craft. I desire also to thank the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers for the very valuable advice and assistance they have given me during the past year, which has been of great help indeed in the performing of my duties.

Eastern District, as the name implies, is the most eastern district in this Grand Lodge jurisdiction and is composed of the Counties of Glengarry, Stormont, Dundas and part of Grenville situated on the beautiful St. Lawrence River; and Prescott and part of Russell on the noble Ottawa. While, in this Jubilee year, the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation, we should probably direct our vision and energy to the future rather than to the past, still possibly we might be allowed a brief retrospect of the early Masonic activities in this District.

Prior to the end of 1792 there had been 8 different warrants erected in that part of the old Province of Quebec lying west of the Ottawa River, which then became known as Upper Canada. One of these lodges was Union No. 521 at Cornwall, which had been warranted by the Moderns of England. In this year the 1st Provincial Grand Lodge was formed in Upper Canada, and from then until 1817, during which time R.W. Bro. Jarvis was Prov. Grand Master a total of 26 lodges were warranted. In 1804 Union Lodge had given way to two

other lodges—one known as Athol No. 3, whose warrant was in 1817 transferred to Brockville Lodge No. 3 and the other known as Hiram No. 20. In 1810 three more lodges were formed in close proximity to Cornwall. One—No. 21 at Mille Roches, 5 miles west, the warrant of which was destroyed in the fire of 1870, which burned the Masonic Hall in Cornwall. Another—No. 22 at Williamstown the first station east of Cornwall in Glen-garry Country and another, No. 23, Union Lodge, at Sata Cruz, one mile west of Dickinson's Landing, near the present Wales Lodge. Thus, we see that over 20% of all the lodges in Upper Canada at that time were situated in what is now known as Eastern District. The war of 1812 had a most depressing effect on Craft work and particularly in this section where so many of the battles of that war were waged, indeed from the later part of 1811 down to the signing of the Treaty of Peace the meetings were not held with regularity and the history of these early lodges embraced in this work exemplifies the difficulties that Craftsmen laboured under at this critical period in Canada's history and so most of the lodges became dormant.

The oldest lodge in Eastern, working continuously, is No. 21A St. Johns at Vankleek Hill. This lodge was originally warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1844, being the second lodge in Upper Canada, formed under that Grand Lodge body. In 1888 they surrendered their Irish warrant to come into the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is very interesting to visit this very old historic lodge—to inspect their cancelled Irish warrant, the old original, curiously designed lodge furniture still in use, the emblematic banners, that still hang upon the walls and which were carried in procession so many years ago. It might also be interesting to know that the lodge, which was originally called No. 159 St. John's under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was also warranted in Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templar.

Five of the present lodges in this district were working in the year of Confederation.

No. 21A, St. John's, Vankleek Hill (under the G.L. of Ireland).

No. 125, Cornwall, Cornwall.

No. 142, Excelsior, Morrisburg.

No. 143, Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.

No. 186, Plantagenet, Riceville.

In this year 1927, when we are paying such great honor to the founders of our Nation, (to which honor they are justly entitled), may we also as a fraternity add our tribute of respect to those Brethren, who, in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, formed our early lodges and labored hard and long for their successful existence. The example of those early brethren should be an inspiration for the present members of our Craft, and encourage us to leave a similar beacon light for those who follow.

Soon after my return from Grand Lodge last year, I appointed W. Bro. Geo. D. Colquhoun, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. R. W. Carr, District Chaplain. I am very grateful to the secretary for his assistance in the work and his many efforts to relieve my labors. I regret that, owing to illness, the Chaplain was unable to attend many of the lodge meetings with me, and I sincerely hope for his speedy recovery to good health.

Visit of the Grand Master

An outstanding Masonic event of the year, and indeed, in the history of the District, was the District Meeting and Reception to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Rowland, on May 20th last. This meeting was held at Cornwall on account of that being the most central place having suitable accommodations. The Grand Master was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, and the Chairman on the Condition of Masonry, R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington.

Advantage of the opportunity was taken to show our visitors part of Cornwall and its industries. Especial interest being taken by the party in visiting Courtaulds Ltd., where they were shown the various processes associated with the making of rayon, or artificial silk.

The brethren met at the Cornwall Lodge Rooms at 7 p.m. to receive the Grand Master and introductions were the order. This is the first District Meeting Eastern District has had for 12 years and the brethren appeared to enjoy the opportunity of meeting together as a district again.

At 8.30 a banquet was given in the Music Hall, Pitt St., at which nearly 500 brethren were present. Short, interesting addresses were given by R.W. Bros. Herrington, R.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ross, D.D.G.M. Ottawa Dist. and R.W. Bro. John A. Derbyshire, D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence Dist. Eastern District was very glad to have representatives of these neighboring districts join with them in doing honor to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. The outstanding event of the evening was the address of the Grand Master. His message to the brethren regarding the importance of our Fraternity, its ideas and ideals, present and prospective, was an inspiration, I believe, to every brother present, and his visit to Eastern District will long be remembered by the members of the Craft who were fortunate enough to be present. Although his visit to the District was short, he won for himself a secure place in the heart and affection of all those with whom he came in contact.

R.W. Bro. Logan referred to the work of Grand Lodge and the important part Masonry takes in the life of a Nation such as Canada, and established himself in the minds of all present as an after-dinner speaker, who has the happy faculty of blending humor with his remarks.

One of the pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of Irish Blackthorn walking sticks to Most Wor. Bro. Rowland and R.W. Bro. Ridley, P.D.D.G.M., the veteran Secretary of Cornwall Lodge, by W. Bro. C. J. Hamilton, M.D., on behalf of Bro. Robinson.

An address to Most Wor. the Grand Master from the eighteen craft Lodges of Eastern District was read by R.W. Bro. W. T. Kingston, I.P.D.D.G.M., after which R.W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, the first D.D.G.M. of the present Eastern District, presented him with a reading lamp as a little memento of his visit.

The Quartette from the Ottawa Temple Choir furnished music and song to the delight of all and added much to the evening's enjoyment.

Judging from the success of this meeting, and the great enthusiasm with which the Brethren greeted the Grand Master, and the many favorable remarks heard since May 20th, one cannot help but feel, that in the interests of Masonry, a similar district meeting, with the presence of the Grand Master if possible, should be made an annual event. The brethren of the various lodges should have an opportunity of meeting together in a body at least once a year and renewing those fraternal friendships, which we all value so highly.

Condition of Masonry

The Officers in every lodge are efficient and capable men, apparently anxious to do their best, willing to improve in their work, and endeavoring as far as possible to attain perfection. That some fall short of this goal is to be expected, "The wisest, as well as the best men have erred," I can assure you, however, that the work is uniform in all the lodges. For which I think a great deal of the credit is due to the District Deputy Grand Masters, who have preceded me, as well as to the large number of active Past Masters found in every lodge. These brethren, from their past experiences and opportunities of learning, have qualified themselves to render "that assistance and instruction to their brethren in the inferior degrees," and are living up to what is expected of them in this regard. Taken as a whole; there has been a moderate increase in the membership of the District, and while this has not been large, the new members, as far as I have been able to ascertain, are of a very high character and it would appear that their petitions are applications for Masonic Light as shown forth by the excellent character and lives of the present members of the Fraternity.

The high degree of efficiency shown by the officers of every lodge, the uniformity and impressiveness of the degree work exemplified left little to criticise, and made my official visits of inspection both easy and pleasant

to perform. Not only was the work given accurately, but also with dignity, and as this applies to every lodge in the district, I shall refrain from dealing with each lodge individually. One cannot do so and avoid repetition.

Visits

I have visited each of the eighteen lodges at least once during the year and many twice or oftener. The lodges and the dates of my official visits to them follows:

- No. 207—Lancaster, Oct. 19th, 1926.
- No. 450—Hawkesbury, Oct. 21, 1926.
- No. 439—Alexandria, Nov. 23, 1926.
- No. 383—Henderson, Feb. 18, 1927.
- No. 142—Excelsior, Apr. 1, 1927.
- No. 125—Cornwall, Apr. 6, 1927.
- No. 320—Chesterville, Apr. 11, 1927.
- No. 458—Wales, Apr. 21, 1927.
- No. 491—Cardinal, May 6, 1927.
- No. 21A—St. Johns, May 10, 1927.
- No. 256—Farrans Point, May 11, 1927.
- No. 557—Finch, May 12, 1927.
- No. 418—Maxville, May 13, 1927.
- No. 596—Martintown, May 26, 1927.
- No. 480—Williamsburg, June 9, 1927.
- No. 186—Plantagenet, June 13, 1927.
- No. 452—Avonmore, June 14, 1927.
- No. 143—Friendly Brothers, June 15, 1927.

Past Masters' Association

At a meeting of the Past Masters of the District, which was held at Finch last October, an Association was formed. Energetic and enthusiastic officers were elected, who with the expected assistance from the other Past Masters, will no doubt develop it into an organization that will do much good towards advancing the interest of the Craft.

Divine Service

Nearly all the lodges in Eastern District attend Divine Service in a body once a year. As most of these are held about the same time of the year, it was only possible for your representative to attend four of these services. The brethren attend in large numbers and

appreciated the helpful sermons. If the lodges could anticipate the dates of such services earlier, and inform the secretaries of the neighboring lodges longer in advance, more of the brethren would like to attend.

Conflicting Meeting Dates

The fact that thirteen out of the eighteen lodges have conflicting meeting nights, tends, I think, to lessen individual and inter-lodge visiting in this District. This tendency is increased owing to the fact that as many as fifteen lodges meet with in a period of five days in some months. This makes lodge visiting an arduous pleasure and not many brethren will muster sufficient energy to attend lodge several nights in succession. The result is that certain lodges seldom receive visits from some of their neighboring lodges. The coming of the motor car has made it possible for brethren to attend lodges, that previous, to that time, had been too far distant, and so conditions have changed since many of the lodges formed their by-laws, fixing the time of their regular meetings. Visiting throughout the district should be more general than it is and I would respectfully recommend to the different lodges, that they arrange their regular meeting nights, so that it will be convenient for the brethren to make these visits, for I think that all will agree, that visiting other lodges, fosters the true fraternal spirit, broadens ones views, and stimulates interest and enthusiasm in our work.

Elections and Installations

Four of the eighteen lodges, elect and install their officers in June—the other fourteen in December. It has occurred to me, that it would be better if five or six of the later lodges would change their election date from December to June. Most of the lodges having December elections, receive the visit of the D.D.G.M. in the spring, after the roads become good for motoring. The consequence is, that on account of the lodge meeting nights coming so close together, it is necessary to have three or four meetings the same week or ask the lodges to call emergent meetings. While this may be a little inconvenient for the D.D.G.M., the regrettable feature is; that it prevents, to some extent, the individual members

from visiting their sister lodges on these occasions. If the lodges do not care to change their date of election, I would suggest that my successor select five or six lodges, that elected their officers last December, for official visitations again this Fall. While this would make an extra visit of inspection to the Officers of those lodges, it will work out satisfactorily in the years following. This would make nine or ten Fall visits which I think the large percentage of the brethren, (especially the rural members) would find more convenient to attend, than when held in the busy Spring months.

It must not be presumed from the above, that the meetings this year have been poorly attended. The result has been quite the contrary, for on all but two occasions, four to ten lodges were represented, the attendance in some cases being more than the lodge rooms would accommodate. I learned, however, that many were present at great inconvenience to themselves, and I wish to thank those brethren from the different lodges, and particularly of my Mother Lodge, for their presence and support.

In bringing my report to a close, I wish to say, that I have had the whole-hearted support of every Past District Deputy Grand Master, Ruling Master, Past Master and Brother in the District, and for this reason, I cannot single out any particular brethren from whom I have received marks of kindness. Suffice it to say, that the spirit of co-operation and loyalty, with which your representative has been received by the brethren, is an indication of the high esteem, in which Grand Lodge and its officers are held by the members of the Craft in Eastern District.

In conclusion I have pleasure in stating that the progress and improvement in Freemasonry in Eastern District during the year 1926-27 has been remarkable and is well worth recording in the annals of Masonry as being a credit to the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

GLENN A. SHAVER,

D.D.G.M. Eastern District.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, the report of my stewardship as representative, in Frontenac District, of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the past masonic year.

I desire, in the first place, to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the confidence they evinced in electing me to the important position of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for their many kindnesses and courtesies throughout the year, which has made my term of office one of the most enjoyable years of my life. I have endeavored to serve the craft to the very best of my ability, but feel, however, that perhaps I have derived more instruction than I have been able to impart.

Throughout the district I have found the rendition of the work very uniform, due to the skilful guidance of my predecessors. While the work in general has been well rendered, still, in some cases, some of the officers appear not to have grasped the full significance and beauty of our ritual and the lessons that the several degrees seek to teach, the result being a tendency towards mechanical rendition. To my mind, the great need is more education along the lines of the symbolism and esoteric meaning of our ritual.

On each of my official visits I have endeavored to incite the brethren to a more serious study of our ceremonies, and have tried to show that there is more to masonry than appears on the surface—that it is more than an empty form, and if my efforts result in the brethren taking a keener interest in the deeper meaning of the degrees, I will feel that I have been of some slight service to the craft. Sometimes the lodges complain of the smallness of the attendance at the regular meetings, and I feel that if greater stress were laid on the educational side of our institution, the interest of the members would be increased and the attendance larger.

Before leaving this phase, I wish to express my appreciation of the help I have received through the publications of The Toronto Society for Masonic Research. I would most heartily commend their publications to the district, and would recommend every master to have their catalogue, from which many interesting and instructive volumes may be obtained.

In viewing the district in general, I find that it is in excellent shape; that harmony and good-fellowship prevails, and each lodge progressing steadily.

My first official visit was paid on Oct. 1st to Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport. W. Bro. H. A. Breese, W.M., very able conferred the third degree, assisted by V.W. Bro. J. R. Gorrell, who though over ninety years of age, has a wonderful memory, and is still a very active and enthusiastic pastmaster.

On October 8th, I visited Frontenac Lodge No. 621, at Sharbot Lake, where W. Bro. Erwin, W.M., exemplified the third degree very creditably indeed. The secretary, W. Bro. M. R. Reid, is a most enthusiastic officer, and I have no fears for this lodge.

On October 15th I visited Albion Lodge No. 109 at Harrowsmith, and witnessed the conferring of a first degree by W. Bro. E. F. Purcell, W.M. It is needless for me to say that the work was done in a very dignified and impressive manner. The attendance was large at this meeting (as it also was at their Divine Service on the following Sunday) and the presence of a large number of the older members augurs well for the interest in the work that this lodge is doing.

On October 19th I visited St. Andrew's Lodge No. 497, Arden. W. Bro. Johnston conferred the first degree very impressively. The attendance was good, and the officers appear very energetic and anxious to do their work correctly. At the banquet which followed, R.W. Bro. A. B. Carscallen, P.D.D.G.M. (Lorne Lodge No. 404) gave an interesting address on the subject "Does Masonry mean anything to the Country."

I visited my mother lodge, Victoria No. 299 at Centreville on October 21st, and witnessed the initiation of a candidate by W. Bro. Geo. E. Dopking, W.M., in his usual faultless manner. The lodge room was filled with many welcome visitors from the surrounding lodges.

My next visit was to Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228, Odessa on Oct. 25th. I was much impressed by the way in which W. Bro. Percy Wright conferred the third degree. The work of the deacons deserve special mention. The attendance was very large.

Oct. 29th was a red letter day for the craft in this district, it being the occasion of an official visit of Most Worshipful Bro. John A. Rowland, our Grand Master. The meeting was held in the beautiful Masonic Temple at Kingston, and a large number of the craft from the various lodges in the district were present to do honor to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. After the official reception in the lodge room, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room where, having partaken of an excellent repast, Most Worshipful Bro. Rowland and R.W. Bro. Herrington gave very masterly and instructive addresses.

On Nov. 23rd I visited Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque. W. Bro. W. T. McLaughlin, W.M., assisted by V.W. Bro. R. B. Gilbert and W. Bros. Bat-tam and Webster, very impressively conferred the first degree. On this occasion R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington very kindly accompanied me and addressed the brethren on the derivation of the name "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons". He also gave a short talk on symbolism, which was highly appreciated.

I visited Prince of Wales Lodge No. 146, Newburgh, on Nov. 26th. The weather was most unfavourable and the attendance small in consequence. The W.M. being absent, W. Bro. Ramsay occupied the chair and opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. Again R.W. Bro. Herrington was present and gave a very interesting address.

On Dec. 27th, I had the honor of installing and investing the officers of The Ancient St. Johns Lodge No. 3, Cataraqui Lodge No. 92, Minden Lodge No. 253, and Royal Edward Lodge No. 585 all of Kingston. Over three hundred members of the craft were present. The event was of unusual interest from the fact that it is the first time that the four lodges have joined for the ceremony. The ceremony was followed by an excellent banquet at which Right Rev. C. A. Seager, D.D., L.L.D., Bishop of Ontario and W.M. of Ionic Lodge, Toronto, was the speaker of the evening.

On Jan. 4th I installed and invested the officers of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 228, Odessa. I was assisted by W. Bros. B. S. Lochhead, G. A. Wagar and Geo. E. Dopking of my mother lodge.

On Jan. 10th I visited the lodge of my Alma Mater, Queen's Lodge No. 578, Kingston, and installed and invested the officers, assisted by W. Bros. B. S. Lochhead, G. A. Wagar and Geo. E. Dopking of Victoria lodge.

On Feb. 18th, Victoria Lodge No. 299 lost one of their charter members by the death of Bro. Joseph B. Lucas. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, he masonic service was not held until the time on interment, at which time I conducted the ceremony in the absence of the W.M.

On April 5th I visited Minden Lodge No. 253, Kingston, W. Bro. VanAlstyne W.M., conferred the first degree in excellent manner. The ceremony was made most impressive by use of the musical ritual. The attendance was very large, and I am told that the past masters take a very great interest in the work and ably assist the W.M.

April 7th I visited The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3, Kingston. Owing to the death of R.W. Bro. James A. Minnes, I asked that no work be put on and that proceedings be made as short as possible. In the passing of R.W. Bro. Minnes, the craft loses one of its ablest masons, and his loss will long be remembered in the district. He was always found in the service of his fellows, and his life was an inspiration to all who knew him.

On April 20th I visited Lorne Lodge No. 404 Tamworth. W. Bro. Jas. A. Milligan conferred a first degree and was ably assisted by an efficient staff of officers.

On April 22nd I visited Royal Edward Lodge No. 585, Kingston, which is under the able management of W. Bro. M. G. Johnston. The work of conferring the first degree impressed me very much and I was glad to learn that W. Bro. Johnston has been putting considerable stress on the educational side and endeavoring to sustain the interest of the members of his Lodge.

On May 3rd I held a Lodge of instruction at Gananoque at which Westport Lodge No. 441, Rideau Lodge No. 460 Seeley's Bay, Simpson Lodge No. 157 Newboro and Leeds Lodge No. 201 Gananoque took part. V.W. Bro. Gorrell of Westport Lodge was present and very ably participated in the work of the third degree. I feel that the lodge was a success, and that the participating lodges derived benefit therefrom. After each degree had been worked the symbolism was explained, in the endeavor to have the officers get some conception of the meaning lying beneath the surface. I tried, in some small way to explain the first degree, and I am deeply indebted to W. Bro. (Rev.) W. P. Woodger of Napanee for his kindness in explaining the symbolism of the second and third degrees in his thorough and interesting manner. I appreciate very much his kindness in helping to make the lodge of instruction the success it was. Owing to the lateness of the season I was not able to hold a Lodge of Instruction for the western part of the district, which I regret, because I feel that much good would have been accomplished, and benefit derived by those lodges that do not have the privilege of inter-visiting very often.

On May 9th I visited Maple Leaf Lodge No. 119, Bath, and was pleased with the manner in which W. Bro. Cullopy conferred the first degree. An exceptionally large number of the craft were present, many being present from Napanee and Kingston.

On May 30th I visited Union Lodge No. 9 Napanee. No work being available, I asked W. Bro. J. M. Simpson, to open and close in the three degrees. I have visited Union Lodge several times in the past, and have seen excellent work done, but this is only to be expected, as it is the mother lodge of R.W. Bro. Herrington.

Visited Simpson Lodge No. 157 Newboro, on June 7th, where W. Bro. Duncan conferred the third degree most creditably.

My last visit was paid to Rideau Lodge No. 460, Seeley's Bay on June 8th. W. Bro. Booth conferred the third degree on a well instructed candidate. The Worshipful Master of this lodge deserves special credit for his energy and ability. He is one of the oldest masters in the district, yet his work would be a credit to a much younger man.

I cannot conclude my report without expressing my sincere appreciation of the wise counsel received from R.W. Bro. Herrington and the help received from the pastmasters of my mother lodge who so kindly accompanied me on all my official visits. The year has been one of revelation to me, and I shall never forget the many kindnesses shown me by my brethren. I have made many new friends during my year, and am looking forward to renewing those friendships in the future. I know that my successor will receive the same whole-hearted reception and loyal co-operation that has been accorded to me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. CARSCALLEN,
D.D.G.M. Frontenac District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers,
and Members of the Grand Lodge, of A.F. & A.M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District for the year ending June 24th, 1927.

May I, first of all express to the brethren of the district my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me. The call to such an important and distinguished office always brings privileges and opportunities, but at the same time many responsibilities. I have faithfully endeavored to discharge the duties of the office, and to present to the brethren of the different lodges in the district some of the aims and objects of the Institution and its practical application to every day life.

My first official act following my election in Fort William was to appoint W. Bro. Boyle District Secretary. W. Bro. Boyle has been for the past few years, secretary of Orillia Lodge No. 192, a position which he has filled with fidelity and efficiency. His willingness to be at my service at all times, his kind words of encouragement, and wise counsel, and the diligence with which he discharged the various duties of his office during the year, abundantly justified his appointment. I appointed Rev. L. R. Ballantyne, District Chaplain. He accompanied me on two or three of my visits and gave masterly and helpful addresses.

To R.W. Bro. Keefe, R.W. Bro. Martin and R.W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope who visited many of the lodges with me and were at all times willing and eager to assist me, I owe a great debt of gratitude. I would be unfair if I did not say that to them in a large measure is due any credit that may fall to my term of office.

During the year the nineteen lodges in the district were visited, officially, four during October, 1926, and the remaining fifteen in February, March, April, and May 1927. In all these visits the right hand of fellowship was extended to me in the most cordial manner and the hospitality shown me shall ever remain fresh in my memory.

I found the lodges in the district well manned with diligent and efficient officers, and these with able assistance of Past Masters are doing excellent work. The degrees were exemplified in a dignified and impressive manner, free from any levity and any attempt at burlesque, showing that the officers are honestly trying to maintain a high standard of Masonic work and spirit, which we all appreciate. Any evidence of insincerity shown by the officers of a lodge is quickly noticed by the candidate and a damaging and lasting impression is made.

Early in February, on request from R.W. Bro. Herrington, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, I wrote to each lodge in Georgian District in regard to attendance at regular meetings, and received replies from seventeen lodges, with average attendance of the past six regular meetings excluding St. John's Night. The average for the seventeen lodges was twenty-six or thirty per cent. of the members residing in the jurisdiction of their respective lodges. This seems very small and I feel that if the Musical Ritual was more in use and some instruction given to members over and above that contained in the fixed ceremonies that the attendance percentage would be greatly raised.

Dedication of Orillia Masonic Temple. On Friday, May 13th a most successful meeting was held in Orillia—it being the occasion of the Dedication of a new Masonic Temple for my mother lodge—and at the same time a District Meeting. We were greatly delighted in welcoming the Most Worshipful the Grand Master M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, B.A., who was accompanied by R.W. Bro. John S. Martin, Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. A. H. Heron, Grand Junior Warden and R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Chairman of the Committee of Masonic

Benevolence. The Ceremony of the Dedication was performed in a very beautiful and most impressive manner. The dedication ceremony was carried out at 4.30 p.m. with every Lodge in Georgian District represented by the Sitting Master or Past Master. There were over four hundred and forty registered.

In the evening some six hundred and forty-four members and visitors sat down to a banquet in the armouries. A delightful program of speech and song was enjoyed by this vast throng, the outstanding feature of which was the inspiring address by the M.W. the Grand Master.

I am greatly indebted to W. Bro. J. B. Tudhope, R.W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope, for their assistance on the reception committee and all those who helped in any way to make this great gathering of Masons one never to be forgotten in the history of Masonry, in Orillia and Georgian District.

Official Visits

My first visit was to Georgian Lodge No. 348 on Oct. 7th, 1926. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope and W. Bro. Boyle and received at the hands of the officers and brethren a most cordial welcome. The equipment and furniture of this lodge is in every way satisfactory. The lodge is well officered. The second degree was exemplified in a very dignified and efficient manner by W. Bro. James and his officers and with R.W. Bro. Keefe as Secretary, this lodge has every prospect of success and prosperity.

On Oct. 11th, 1926 I visited Seven Star Lodge No. 285, Alliston. This is the Mother Lodge of R.W. Bro. Cunningham, Immediate Past D.D.G.M. While this lodge is plenty large enough for ordinary meetings, it was quite inadequate for the large gathering of Masons assembled and when some sixty-two visiting brethren from Imperial Lodge No. 543 Toronto entered the lodge room and lined up in rows in front of the altar, I noticed the Senior Warden was crowded out of his Chair in the West. This was a wonderfully enthusiastic

meeting. The officers of Seven Star Lodge opened the lodge to the 3rd degree and then vacated their chairs to the officers of Imperial Lodge who with W. Bro. McDonald representing King Solomon, exemplified the 3rd degree in perfect manner. W. Bro. Banting and his officers then resumed their respective chairs and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The Secretary W. Bro. Caesar had his books in good shape and with the guiding hand of R.W. Bro. Cunningham, prosperity of Seven Star Lodge is assured.

Victoria Lodge No. 470 was visited on Oct. 20th, 1926. W. Bro. Boyle and myself received a cordial welcome. The second degree was exemplified in an able manner by W. Bro. Eplett and his very competent staff of officers. The books of the lodge are well kept by W. Bro. Schlessner. W. Bro. Wardell a man of 84 years of age and a Mason of long standing was present to do honor to the representative of the Grand Master. W. Bro. Wardell has since passed on to the Grand Lodge above.

Kerr Lodge No. 230 Barrie, tendered the D.D.G.M. a very fine reception on Oct. 21st, 1926. Very W. Bro. Marr and W. Bro. Lyons two old and dear friends of mine introduced me to the Master, officers and brethren and as Barrie was my home town of school days I felt very much at home. W. Bro. Vair and officers exemplified a first degree using the Musical Ritual and I was much impressed with the work. I feel that if the Musical Ritual were used more in lodges that the attendance would increase and more interest would be taken by the members in general. The two Sister Lodges Kerr and Corinthian use the same lodge room which is splendidly equipped and with ample room for all occasions. Kerr Lodge is fortunate in having as its Secretary, R.W. Bro. Duff, who besides keeping the books in good order, takes an active part in the work of the lodge.

On Feb. 4th I was greeted with an exceptionally good attendance of the brethren on the occasion of my official visit to my Mother Lodge Orillia No. 192. The eloquence and sincerity of my presentation at the hands of R.W. Bro. Tudhope, the warmth of the welcome ex-

tended to me by the W. Master, W. Bro. F. Gover, and the great reception accorded me by the brethren on this my appearance among them in my official capacity was such as to deeply impress and encourage me and will never be effaced from my memory. The First Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Gover and his officers in a manner which reflected much credit upon them. On behalf of the lodge I presented a P.M.'s jewel to W. Bro. G. C. Brown the I.P.M.

It was gratifying to me to see many old members of the lodge and particularly Past Masters, one Past Master W. Bro. Sheppard coming from Youngstown, N.Y., Bro. Mallott from Belleville, R.W. Bro.'s McKay and Bird, Past D.D.G.M's of Muskoka District.

My official inspection night at Caledonian Lodge No. 249, Midland, Ont., was on Feb. 7th. Here I received as representative of Grand Lodge a real warm welcome—with a beautiful lodge room, well equipped with the best of furniture, the W. Master, W. Bro. Preston and his officers, who by the way were all young men, conferred the sublime degree of a Master Mason with full Musical Ritual in an absolutely letter perfect manner. These young officers informed me they had frequent rehearsals in all three degrees, a feature I take this opportunity to recommend to all officers in the district. The books were in perfect order and the lodge is to be congratulated on the splendid auditor's report.

I visited Earl Kitchener Lodge No. 538 on Feb. 15th being entertained at the home of V.W. Bro. and Mrs. McPhee. The Representative of the Grand Master was received and welcomed in the lodge room by W. Bro. Graham in a most cordial manner. Members and visitors coming from considerable distance—W. Bro. Sutherland came up from Toronto to help welcome me to his Mother Lodge. R.W. Bro. Keefe and R.W. Bro. Martin coming from Penetanguishene. These two R.W. brethren have been an inspiration and great assistance to me on many of my visits. A first degree was exemplified in a highly satisfactory manner and I found equipment of the lodge room and the secretary's books in first class condition.

A very hearty welcome awaited me at Manito Lodge No. 90, Collingwood on March 8th. This is the oldest lodge in the district with an interesting history. In the afternoon I spent a very pleasant hour in the Huron Institute and learned a good deal of the history of Masonry in Collingwood in the early days. In the absence of W. Bro. Nettleton (unavoidable on account of death of his mother) W. Bro. Fry occupied the East and welcomed me in true Masonic style. A third degree was conferred in a faultless manner, reflecting a great deal of credit on the officers and Past Masters. V.W. Bro. Whipps and W. Bro. Robertson rendered able assistance and with such men as R.W. Bro. Stephens to guide the destiny of the Lodge aright, nothing need be feared for the future of Masonry in Collingwood. W. Bro. Hughes makes a very competent secretary, keeping all records in order.

After postponing my visit on two different occasions on account of deaths, I visited Karnak No. 492, Coldwater, on March 30th. My District Secretary and District Chaplain accompanied me on this visit and we received a real warm welcome. I found the lodge to be capable hands and everything in good order. W. Bro. Brown and officers conferred a first degree with great credit to themselves, and it was a pleasure for me to compliment them on their work.

In company with W. Bro. D. McCaughrin, and Bro. Fenton, I visited Spry Lodge, Beeton, on March 14th. travelling by train, as the roads were impassable on this date. There was a good attendance in spite of the bad roads. Harmony and good fellowship was abundantly in evidence. The officers with W. Bro. Speers in the East and ably assisted by Past Masters, exemplified the first degree with dignity and accuracy.

On April 7th I again visited in my official capacity, my old home town of collegiate days. This time at Corinthian Lodge No. 96, the second oldest lodge in the district, and again I received right royal welcome. A very large attendance greeted me, including many past D.D.G.M's and seven or eight of the sitting masters of Georgian District. The work of first degree, was conferred with musical ritual and very beautifully and im-

pressively it was done. W. Bro. Felt, the secretary, had his books in apple pie order. With two very able and enthusiastic Masons in R.W. Bro. Cowan and R.W. Bro. Smith, I feel confident that old Corinthian will continue to flourish, even more than it has in the past.

Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud, maintained its reputation for enthusiasm and hospitality on March 12th, when I made my official visit of inspection. Even before I reached there, a large crowd had assembled and the commodious quarters were crowded to the doors. The work of the first degree was exemplified in a skillful and very acceptable manner by W. Bro. Webb and officers. The Secretary, W. Bro. Hewson, is an old school mate of mine and is an efficient and competent officer. The outlook for Minerva is bright.

I motored to Tottenham and visited officially Tottenham Lodge No. 467 on April 18th. The attendance of members of this lodge was small, and from remarks of the Master, W. Bro. Napier and Secretary W. Bro. McKnight, very disappointing to them. Other attractions in the town and surrounding district was explained to be the cause. I feel that perhaps more interest might be kindled in the lodge if the musical ritual were used in working the degrees. However W. Bro. Napier and his officers conferred an E.A. Degree with great credit to themselves. The books and records of the lodge are kept in excellent shape by W. Bro. McKnight, who is a tower of strength to the lodge.

Northern Light Lodge No. 266, Stayner, called an emergent meeting on April 26th to receive the Representative of the Grand Master on his official visit of inspection. This was a splendid meeting, a large attendance of members and many visitors. The work of the evening was a first degree which was conferred in a most pleasing and impressive manner. W. Bro. Huff and his officers have the work well in hand. I was delighted to hear R. W. Bro. Campbell give the final lecture from the Book of Constitution. R.W. Bro. Bethune, a P.D.D.G.M. of many years standing, is still active in lodge affairs and with these two Past Grand Lodge officers and many enthusiastic Past Masters, Northern Light Lodge cannot help but continue to prosper.

Driving a distance of some eighty miles I arrived in Meaford to pay my official visit to Pythagoras Lodge No. 137. This meeting was held at 4. p.m. and was well attended considering it was an innovation of the regular routine of lodge meetings. W. Bro. Young assisted by his able staff of officers and Past Masters conferred a second degree and deserved the congratulations I was pleased to offer. W. Bro. Finley's books were a model of neatness and all records were kept in a business like manner. R.W. Bro. Tudhope accompanied me on this visit and in the 4th degree, in which the Mason's wives, daughters and sweethearts took part, he gave a very interesting and instructive address. R.W. Bro. Hammill, a P.D.D.G.M. of many years gave some interesting reminiscences of old days in the district. It was an altogether delightful evening.

It was my pleasure to visit Coronation Lodge No. 466, Elmvale, on May 6th. I received a very hearty welcome. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the E.A. Degree, and in my remarks at the close of the degree, I took occasion to offer words of commendation to W. Bro. Fleming and his officers for the very dignified and sincere manner in which they conferred the degree, which would compare favorably with any lodge in the district. It was very gratifying and a pleasure for me to meet W. Bro. Fleming at so many of my official visits, showing that he was eager to learn.

On May 10th I motored to Clarksburg, and was received most cordially by officers and brethren of Beaver Lodge No. 234, as representative of the M.W. the Grand Master. Instead of having any degree exemplified I asked the Master W. Bro. Boyd to open and close his Lodge in the three degrees and to give the penalty clause of each obligation, which he did very creditably—an instructive hour was spent in discussion, R.W. Bro. Pye and a number of Past Masters taking part. I took the opportunity of complimenting W. B. Idle on the efficiency of his work as secretary.

My official visit to Nitetis Lodge No. 444, Creemore, was a very pleasant one. Although this is one of the smaller lodges in the district I found the Master, W. Bro.

Johnson and his staff of officers doing good work. They were ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Mills and V.W. Bro. Lawrence. With the degree exemplified there was no room for criticism. The reception accorded me as representative of the M.W. the Grand Master, I felt was very sincere and enthusiastic.

My final official visit was made to Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown, and while it was the last, it certainly was not the least, when the meeting opened the lodge room was crowded to the doors and many standing outside. Visiting brethren were there from the four corners of the District, including R.W. Bro. Keefe, R.W. Bro. Martin from Penetanguishene, R.W. Bro. Cowan, Barrie, five or six ruling masters of the district and many other distinguished visitors. The work of the first degree was exemplified with the musical ritual by W. Bro. Smith and his officers, and it made a deep impression on me and I am sure on all those present. R.W. Bro. McKnight the secretary and W. Bro. Robinson are two active and conscientious members of this lodge and I was delighted to see them presented with P.M. Jewels as a token of love and esteem by their brethren. I am pleased to say that the stability and prosperity of Manitoba Lodge is assured.

In conclusion I desire to again convey to the brethren of the Georgian District my warmest appreciation for the many kindnesses shown me, the many kind words of encouragement tendered and also the many letters of congratulation I received during my official year. I bespeak for my successor the same hearty support and co-operation which has been so cheerfully extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

C. G. KIRKPATRICK,

D.D.G.M. Georgian District

GREY DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.
of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor herewith to submit my report as
D.D.G.M. of Grey District for the year 1926-27.

Allow me first to express my sincere appreciation of
the high honor conferred upon me as the representative
of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also to
express to the brethren my gratitude for the kindness and
courtesy shown me during my term of office.

My first official duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. J. C.
Mercer as District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. F. A. Facey,
as District Chaplain. I desire to acknowledge the faith-
ful and splendid assistance so cheerfully given by these
two brethren and for the manner in which they have
discharged their duties.

Official Visits

My first official visit as D.D.G.M. was made to St.
Alban's Lodge No. 200, Mount Forest on Oct. 15th, 1926,
when W. Bro. Roos and his officers passed a well prepared
candidate in a faultless manner. This lodge is in excellent
condition and has a goodly number of enthusiastic
Past Masters still assisting with the work. The secre-
tary keeps his books and records in good shape. It was
my privilege here to present to W. Bro. Alex. Gow his
long Service Medal.

On November 9th, I visited Durham Lodge No.
306. The officers of this lodge have their work in per-
fect shape and W. Bro. Yirrs was complimented on the
manner in which a second degree was conferred. Several
Past Masters assisted and there is every evidence of
harmony and prosperity in this lodge. W. Bro. Hay is
a splendid secretary and R.W. Bro. Grant is still in the
work.

On November 22nd my mother lodge, Dundalk Lodge No. 449 was visited and I was pleased to compliment W. Bro. Howard McCauley and his officers on the excellent manner in which they worked the third degree. W. Bro. L. C. Champ, who is the secretary, and several other Past Masters continue to serve the lodge faithfully and well.

On November 25th Wellington Lodge No. 271, Erin, was visited. W. Bro. S. Scott, the W. Master, assisted by a splendid staff of officers exemplified the work of the second degree in a commendable manner. Several of the Past Masters including R.W. Bro. Abbott, assisted in the work. There is a splendid feeling of brotherly love and harmony in this lodge.

Lorne Lodge No. 377, Shelburne, was visited, on December 3rd, and here we were pleased to meet many old personal friends among them the Wor. Master, W. Bro. W. H. Calhoun. The second degree was impressively conferred with the musical ritual. There is evidence of enthusiasm in this lodge and R.W. Bros. White and Sam Patterson are both active, the latter being secretary.

On February 23rd, 1927, I visited St. George's Lodge No. 88 and North Star Lodge No. 322, Owen Sound. The North Star, presided over by W. Bro. E. T. McDonald and officered by an excellent staff of officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner.

The officers of St. George's Lodge with W. Bro. Bebee presiding, then worked a second degree in a perfect manner. Both lodges have a number of enthusiastic Past Masters and the work is kept up in good shape. Among those whom I was pleased to meet where R.W. Bros. George Menzies, David Rutherford and John McQuaker.

On April 12th I visited Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville, and was greeted by a large turnout of the membership. With the musical ritual W. Bro. Jack Aiken and his officers put on the work of the second

degree in a most impressive manner. With R.W. Bro. J. A. V. Preston and a number of well-skilled Past Masters the interests of Masonry are being well looked after in Orangeville.

April 28th was the date of my visit to Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton. This was an emergent meeting of the lodge and there was a large attendance. W. Bro. Robt. Down, assisted by his splendid staff of officers and a number of Past Masters, conferred the first degree faultlessly. This lodge continues to grow and prosper.

Prince Arthur No. 334, Arthur, was visited on May 10th. A concert in the village interfered somewhat with the attendance but there were a number of enthusiastic masons present. W. Bro. Rev. C. T. Tough and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees. There is evidences of harmony and advancement here.

On May 16th I visited Scott Lodge No. 421 Grand Valley and witnessed the first degree exemplified by W. Bro. G. W. Hamilton and his officers. They put the degree on in an impressive manner and convinced us that Masonic interests are well cared for in Grand Valley.

My last official visit was paid to Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale, on May 27th when the third degree was conferred on Bro. W. J. Colgan, eldest son of the D.D.G. M. The work exemplified by W. Bro. McHugh was in a most impressive manner and drew forth commendation from R.W. Bro. S. Patterson who was present.

On all of my official visits I was pleased with the receptions given me and desire again to thank the brethren for their hearty co-operation and support.

On Sunday June 26th, the annual Church service was held in Mount Forest when Rev. Bro. Facey addressed a large gathering of the brethren of the District. The address delivered by Bro. Facey was a thoughtful, masterly one and the brethren were deeply impressed with it.

In conclusion let me again thank the brethren of Grey District for their kindness and courtesy. I shall remember with pleasure the year when I was honored by being privileged to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in Grey District.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. COLGAN,

D.D.G.M. Grey District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT "A"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District "A" I wish in the first place to express my thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the important office as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Bro. T. W. Farmer of Seymour Lodge, District Secretary. I have known him for many years in masonic work; his thoroughness in everything he undertakes; his faithfulness to duty at all times, answering at the first call to service his country in the last war, until the armistice was signed; his diligence throughout the year, justified the appointment. He never missed a meeting, for which I wish here to convey my hearty thanks.

My next act was to summon the Ruling Masters of the lodges in District "A" along with their wives to my residence for lunch and a short program; after which Ruling Masters, District Secretary and myself endeavored to prepare plans which we hoped would be of some benefit to the District. A better chance of getting acquainted with one another. To know and understand a masonic brother is to appreciate him more.

Our plan was to have the Master, Past Masters and Officers of one of the eight city lodges go with me on my official visit to one of the eight rural lodges and vice versa. The plan worked exceptionally well, a large attendance being present on each occasion.

I am convinced that all went home feeling that they had had a fine night, and I wish to thank all the lodges for their hearty co-operation in helping to carry out this plan successfully.

On two occasion we had the privilege of assisting in welcoming the Most Worshipful the Grand Master accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge Officers.

The first visit was to Acacia Lodge, October 8th, and the second was an official visit to all the lodges comprising Districts "A" and "B" at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on March the 29th.

The inspiring address of the Grand Master was much appreciated by possibly the largest gathering of masonic brethren ever assembled in this District. The Grand Master's explanation of the high ideals of masonry will make a lasting impression on the brethren.

The following schedule shows the dates of my official visits:—

Lodge	No.	Date	Accompanied by the W.M., P.M. and Officers of:
Corninthian,	513	Oct. 28th, 1926,	Valley Lodge No. 100
Campbell,	603,	Nov. 2nd, 1926,	Tuscan Lodge No. 551.
Hugh Murray,	602,	Nov. 16th, 1926,	Burlington Lodge No. 165.
Burlington,	165	Nov. 17th, 1926,	Temple Lodge, No. 324
Tuscan,	551,	Dec. 2nd, 1926,	St. Clair Lodge No. 135.
Temple Lodge,	324,	Dec. 14th, 1926,	Oakville Lodge No. 400.
St. John's,	40,	Dec. 16th, 1926,	Seymour Lodge No. 272
Dundurn,	475,	Dec. 18, 1926,	Dufferin Lodge No. 291.
Barton,	6,	Feb. 9, 1927,	Waterdown Lodge No. 357.
Hamilton,	562,	Feb. 14, 1927,	Campbell Lodge No. 603.
Oakville,	400,	Apr. 5, 1927,	Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602
Valley,	100,	Apr. 11, 1927,	St. John's Lodge No. 40.
Seymour,	272,	Apr. 12th, 1927,	The Barton Lodge No. 6
St. Clair,	135,	Apr. 14, 1927,	Dundurn Lodge No. 475.
Waterdown,	357,	May 10, 1927,	Hamilton Lodge No. 562
Dufferin,	291,	May 12th, 1927,	Corinthian Lodge No. 513.

I wish also to thank the following brethren who accompanied me on many occasions and helped to contribute to the success of the evenings:—R.W. Bros. John Forth, J. M. MacKenzie, F. A. Latshaw, and J. Gill. V.W. Bro. H. W. Temple; W. Bros. H. K. Oglesby, W. M. Brandon, E. McMullen, J. C. Cochrane, Cecil

Stilson, Harry Hall, J. A. Robinson, W. R. Humphreys, George Milne, R. W. Small, Geo. Walker, W. J. Mulligan, G. M. Quackenbush, and R. H. Gapes; and Bros. Robt. Cornell and Wm. English. Also many others whose names I would like to have mentioned.

Seven first degrees were exemplified at my official visits, viz.: At. Campbell, Burlington, Hamilton, Valley, Seymour, St. Clair and Dufferin Lodges.

Two second degrees were exemplified, viz.: at Barton and Oakville Lodges.

At Tuscan, Dundurn, St. John's, Temple, Barton, Hugh Murray, and Corinthian Lodges I presided at the election of officers.

At Waterdown Lodge, W. Bro. Robt. Flatt, gave an interesting address, showing how the lodge has prospered and progressed during the last fifty years.

In all cases the work was well done and the meetings were well conducted. Masonry in this district is in a very healthy condition. All of the sixteen lodges have capable and efficient officers most of whom are young men. This is very gratifying as it assured the success of these lodges for years to come.

During my official visits I emphasized the need for systematizing their savings for benevolence. I pointed out that while during the last ten years the membership in the Province of Ontario had doubled, the expenditure on benevolence had trebled. The need for greater contributions is easily seen.

I was highly satisfied to see that Waterdown Lodge No. 357 celebrated their semi-centennial this year by adopting a systematic method of saving. They passed a by-law laying aside 10% of initiation fees, 10% of the dues and assessed each member one dollar a year to be held as an endowment fund in the interests of benevolence. I consider this is a move in the right direction.

I would like to call attention to the fact that R.W. Bro. J. O. McGregor also celebrated his fiftieth year of masonry, having been initiated into Waterdown Lodge

No. 357 fifty years ago, in the same month on which we made our official visit. His wit and humor are still refreshing.

During the year the lodges in this district paid out \$3,782.92 for benevolence, ranging from a minimum of \$10.00 for one lodge to a maximum of \$712.50 for another.

On October 17th, 1926, I attended Divine Service with Seymour Lodge No. 272 at Ancaster. This is an annual affair with this lodge. At these services the brethren undertake to decorate the graves of the deceased brethren. I think this is a very fine plan and worthy of the earnest consideration of other lodges.

I was glad to see that the junior officers of the various lodges in this district are of a very high quality. In this connection I would like to emphasize the grave responsibility which rests upon the incoming masters. Merit and ability should be the deciding factors in choosing the junior officers. The future masters are the junior officers of to-day.

The Barton Lodge No. 6 celebrated their one hundred and thirty-first anniversary this year. This is one of the oldest lodges in Canada. The younger lodges might easily benefit by their experiences. They have appointed an official archivist, whose duty it is to take care of all records and add to them as much as possible. Names, photographs and interesting information concerning the masters and officers from year to year form a most valuable record.

While on my official visit to Oakville Lodge No. 400, I was much impressed by the work done by V. W. Bro. Kaiting. Although ninety-one years of age he gave the charge in the second degree in most excellent style.

In concluding I would like to thank most heartily all the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Officers and brethren who have so enthusiastically assisted me in the performance of my duties. They made it very pleasant for me.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BATES,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District A.

HAMILTON DISTRICT "B"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers,
and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present for your consideration the following report on Masonic activities in this district during the past year.

At the last meeting of Grand Lodge held in Fort William and Port Arthur, R.W. Bro. C. J. Martindale was unanimously elected as District Deputy G.M. for this district, a position which he was eminently qualified to fill. His decease on October 3rd last deprived the brethren of this district of services which would have been an inspiration to every brother in the district. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, then asked me to complete his unfinished term of office. I respectfully pointed out to him that my other duties would prevent me from giving the attention to these duties which R.W. Bro. Martindale would have given, and which I felt that the acceptance of his offer demanded, but the assurance by other members in the district that assistance would be readily given at all times, led him to repeat the offer, and I have attempted to carry out his wishes. I cannot help but feel, however, that I would have been much more benefited personally had I been able to give more time to the duties of a representative of the Grand Master, and that the interests of the district might have been better served.

Wor. Bro. R. L. Murdoch, of Enniskillen, was appointed by R.W. Bro. C. J. Martindale as district secretary. and Bro. Rev. H. G. L. Baugh, of Stoney Creek, District Chaplain. I am deeply indebted to these brethren for the loyal co-operation and assistance they have given me throughout the year. Wor. Bro. Murdock has been present at all the official visits paid during the year, and has made himself known and loved by all in the district. Bro. Baugh has also been present at many of our visits, and has appropriately addressed the brethren at these meetings.

It was my privilege to pay official visits to twelve of the sixteen lodges in this jurisdiction. R.W. Bro. Martindale had already visited Enniskillen, his mother lodge, and had made arrangements for visits to Harmony No. 57 and Buchanan No. 550, R.W. Bro. Forth officiating in the first instance, and R.W. Bro. Kelly in the second. In the case of Wentworth, I was unavoidably absent, and R.W. Bro. Forth very kindly consented to act in my stead. I have, however, paid three of these a fraternal visit since and find that the same Masonic and Fraternal spirit exists in these lodges as in all the others of the district. I am pleased to report that I found the officers and members of the different lodges all through the district doing their utmost to emulate the teachings of our order; that harmony prevails; that a courteous and friendly spirit exists between the officers and members of all the several lodges.

A notable feature of Masonic activity in the Hamilton districts is the pleasant intercourse and exchange of visits among the different lodges. At all my visits I found numbers of visiting brethren from sister lodges who were warmly welcomed and who conveyed fraternal greetings from their mother lodges. In this way the whole district resembles a happy family. The reciprocal spirit of cordiality which has always been shown between members of the urban lodges and those of the rural lodges not only embodies the teaching of the order that we are all brothers, but must surely pave the way for a better understanding between the city and the country.

Another pleasant feature of the year's activities was the exchange of fraternal visits by members of Canadian lodges in the district with members of lodges from the neighboring Republic. This again serves to strengthen the ties of brotherhood and of international good will between these two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race.

The members of the families of masons throughout the district were not forgotten. Social functions were held by many of the lodges at which the families of the members were royally entertained.

Progress is being made in several lodges in decorations, furniture and equipment, although in some instances better systems of ventilation would add to the comfort of the members.

I wish particularly to mention the many beautiful bouquets and other acceptable gifts which were so generously presented to me for Mrs. Senn, and I gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies I have received from the lodges within the district, and from individual members.

The duties of my office were greatly lightened by the co-operation and assistance of R.W. Bro. S. A. Wait, and R.W. Bro. John Forth, and R.W. Bro. C. E. Kelly, Past District Deputies of this district, and I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to them for their many kindnesses during the year. I also wish to thank the many brethren throughout the district who have by their kindness and courtesy done so much to assist me in the performance of my duties and in the cultivation of a true Masonry spirit within the district.

An event of special importance during the year was the visit on Tuesday, March 22nd, of the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Rowland to the lodges of the Hamilton District. He was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Dargavel, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, R.W. Bro. Herrington, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and several of the Right Worshipful Brethren from the Toronto District.

The visit of the Most Wor. the Grand Master was a great success and was highly appreciated by the members of the district.

After a dinner at 6.30 given to the Grand Master and the Ruling Masters of the two districts, we proceeded to the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Building, which was filled to capacity. Most Wor. Bro. Wardrope presided over the meeting, which consisted of over 800 of the brethren of the two districts.

An excellent address was given by the Most Wor. the Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Dargavel, and R.W. Bro. Herrington, also gave short addresses.

The Grand Master made a good impression on the brethren. Following this address a beautiful service tray was presented to the Grand Master on behalf of the two districts as a token of their esteem and regard.

In this matter, I wish to thank the committee in charge for attending to all the details in connection with the visit of our distinguished brethren.

On June 25th, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, Acting for the Grand Master, laid the corner stone of Beach Lodge U.D. This is a new lodge, having been in existence about a year. It has amply demonstrated its usefulness and will, if it continues as it has begun, become one of the best lodges in the district. The building now under way will be commodious and will reflect credit upon the enterprize of its officers and members. Addresses were delivered by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, R.W. Bro. Dargavel, Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, R.W. Bro. A. M. Heron Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. S. A. Wait, John Forth and M. C. Senn.

Owing to the fact that I did not personally visit all the lodges officially, I wish to comment generally on the work, rather than to report upon each one separately.

The work of the District Secretary has been greatly lightened by the business like and careful way in which the books of the different lodges are kept. The secretaries of all the lodges in the district, with one exception are past masters and have the interest of the craft and of their particular lodge at heart. The ruling masters are nearly all young men, full of zeal, and with their work well in hand. There has been a steady and healthy growth in numbers and in interest throughout the district. The financial position of all the lodges is excellent, and best of all, a large amount, well over \$3,000.00 was spent for benevolence by the district, showing that while unfortunately there are those of our brethren who are in need, the craft is discharging its obligations towards them in no small degree.

While Hamilton and the surrounding district is a stronghold of Masonry and no doubt will continue as such, there is some ground for comment upon the meagre average attendance in some of the lodges. This may be partly accounted for by the many demands made upon the time of the members by the ever extending obligations caused by the prosperous condition of the community and the increasing complications of our modern business, social and religious life. In this connection, I feel that the hour following the close of the lodge in the banquet room should be made as attractive as possible. It must not detract in any way from the work of the lodge room, but should supplement it. Good music where ever possible should be provided, and speakers to explain and amplify the teachings of the Order should be obtained. I have every confidence that Masonry will continue to flourish in this district and throughout the jurisdiction.

In closing the report for the year, I bespeak for my successor the same courteous and friendly co-operation which has been accorded to your D.D.G.M. by each and all of the brethren of Hamilton District "B".

Fraternally submitted,

MARK C. SENN,

D.D.G.M. Hamilton District B

LONDON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Once more the time for accounting is at hand and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry in the London District for the year ending June 24th, 1927.

Before entering upon a detailed account of the year's proceedings may I be permitted to record my sincere appreciation of the highest honour the Brethren of the London District can confer upon a brother, and to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his ratification of such election.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. Sam McCoy of King Solomon's Lodge Nol 378 as District Secretary. I was indeed very fortunate in having such a capable secretary as Wor. Bro. McCoy who gave me such able assistance and kind co-operation during the year. I am deeply indebted to him for his services for which I express my sincere appreciation.

There are twenty-three lodges in this District, ten of which meet in the Masonic Temple in the City of London and the other thirteen outside the City. All of these lodges have been visited officially on the occasion of their regular meeting, except one as follows:

Lodge	No.	Date	Degree exemplified
King Solomon's,	378,	Sept. 30,	1926, X.
St. George's,	42,	Oct. 7,	1926, First.
Belmont,	190,	Oct. 15,	1926, First.
Nilestown,	345,	Oct. 19,	1926, First.
Moffatt,	399,	Oct. 20,	1926, Second.
Corinthian,	330,	Nov. 2,	1926, First.
Middlesex,	379,	Nov. 17,	1926, Third.
Merrill,	344,	Nov. 18,	1926, First.
Temple,	597,	Nov. 26,	1926, First.

St. Paul's, 107, Dec. 15, 1926, Second.
Acacia, 580, Jan. 8, 1927, First.
St. John's, 209a, Feb. 4, 1927, Second.
St. John's, 20, Feb. 8, 1927, First.
Kilwinning, 64, Feb. 18, 1927, First.
Ashlar, 610, Feb. 28, 1927, First.
Tuscan, 195, Mar. 7, 1927, First.
Union, 380, Mar. 14, 1927, First.
King Solomon, 394, Apr. 13, 1927, First.
Delaware Valley, 358, Apr. 21, 1927, Second.
Mount Olivet, 300, May 19, 1927, First.
Doric, 289, May 12, 1927, First.
Myra, 529, May 14, 1927, Second.
Henderson, 388, May 16, 1927, XX

As I had previously witnessed the work in my Mother Lodge at practically every meeting during the year the Worshipful Master saw fit to call a special meeting on September 30th and devote the entire evening to social intercourse. It was an honour that I did not expect therefore the more gratifying, modesty prevents me from commenting on the elaborate program save to mention that the attendance was undoubtedly the largest which has ever greeted a D.D.G.M. in this district; so great was the enthusiasm that the spirit still survived when my last visit was made on May 16th. I would, however, be lacking in courtesy were I not to acknowledge with the deepest sense of appreciation the great encouragement and support tendered to me by the Past Masters, Officers and members of King Solomon's Lodge No. 378 throughout the official year and for the beautiful floor lamp, which gift I prize very much, and which was presented to me on this special occasion.

The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees; the general air in all that was said and done together with the spirit that pervaded the meeting, convinced me that the officers of Henderson Lodge were well informed and quite capable of doing their work in a satisfactory manner.

The several lodges are in a sound, healthy and prosperous condition, taking into consideration the small scope of territory which some of the rural lodges have to draw from, Their meeting places are quite comfortable

which should be an incentive to good work. Doric Lodge, Lobo, just recently redecorated their room and is to be commended on the improvements made. Special mention must be made of Delaware Valley Lodge, Delaware; only those who know them best can realize under what difficulties they have laboured but a few faithful brethren have been persistent enough in their efforts and are now beginning to reap the fruit of their labors, applicants are knocking at their doors and there is every indication of renewed prosperity.

The work exemplified by the various officers throughout the District has been, almost without exception, given in a very creditable, correct and impressive manner so that very few suggestions were necessary to make the work uniform and in accordance with our established principles. It is also gratifying to note the many Past Masters who are ever ready and willing to lend assistance and share in the activities of their lodge. Presiding Masters would do well to continue to keep these veterans interested as it is an inspiration and incentive to the younger brethren to perform faithfully the task set before them. Masonry, too, must have a magnetism or these brethren who have borne the burden and heat of the day would not sacrifice their time and energy after the highest honour the lodge can bestow on them has been relinquished.

The programs and other features in the banquet rooms were instructive, entertaining and interesting.

In most cases the secretaries are Past Masters, and I found the books and records of the various lodges in good order, many of them being a model of neatness. Occasionally there is a new secretary elected who naturally takes a little time to get acquainted with the general routine of work but these I find are anxious to learn and grateful of any assistance rendered. No less than two secretaries have now been working diligently in the interests of their respective lodges for forty years and over.

Nilestown Lodge No. 345 situated in the village of Nilestown a few miles South-east of the City of London was privileged to celebrate its Fiftieth anniversary on

Sept. 1st, 1926. Several hundred visiting brethren and their lady friends partook of their hospitality. The brethren of this lodge were very proud to have as their distinguished guest Most Worshipful Brother John A. Rowland and every one went home with new enthusiasm. One could not help but profit by the address, given by our Grand Master, which was not only fascinating but full of interesting facts. Many present and past Grand Lodge Officers were also present and contributed to the success of the evening.

As has been the custom in London for several years a joint installation of officers of the ten lodges was held on December 27th. Right Worshipful Brother Nelson P. Walsh, Past Grand Junior Warden, who has so efficiently acted as Installing Officer for some years again performed those duties with dignity and precision. At the close of the Installation ceremonies a delicious banquet was served after which a most brilliant discourse was delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Colonel W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The brethren of London were indeed fortunate in being able to have the presence of M.W. Bro. Ponton on this occasion.

During the year two of our brethren have been privileged in having presented to them a Grand Lodge Jewel, emblematical of having been a Past Master for fifty years. I refer to V.W. Bro. Wilson of Nilestown Lodge No. 345 and R.W. Bro. A. B. Greer of St. John's Lodge No. 20. The presentation to the former was made by M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland while the latter was taken care of by V.W. Bro. R. Booth. We trust these two brethren will be long spared to continue rendering useful service to the Craft such as they have ever given in the past.

The outstanding event of the year occurred on Friday evening March 25th when our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. John A. Rowland and Mrs. Rowland were tendered a reception in the Masonic Temple, London, by the brethren of the ten city lodges. Many Grand Lodge Officers, present and past, from all parts of the jurisdiction were present as well as repre-

sentatives from almost every rural lodge in the London District. The reception ceremony was very prettily arranged after which dancing and cards were indulged in until the early hours. Right Worshipful Brother N. P. Walsh fulfilled the duties of Chairman in a most capable manner and at the banquet table read the address of welcome at the same time presenting, in eloquent terms, to Most Worshipful Brother Rowland and Mrs. Rowland, a beautiful oil painting, the work of one of Canada's leading artists. Most Worshipful Brother Rowland after expressing his appreciation and thanks for the gift, delivered a most masterful, instructive and inspirational address which was greatly appreciated by the large number present. The Committee in charge is deserving of great praise for the successful manner in which this function was planned and carried out.

A feature worthy of mention although not altogether new in various lodges is the method adopted in introducing the members as they are about to ballot. The practice has much to commend it particularly in the larger lodges where all the brethren do not know each other. Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 third largest numerically in the district, is to be specially congratulated in this respect in having one of the junior Past Masters in the person of W. Bro. Wm. Doidge who can invariably call 100% of their members present not only by their surname but christian name as well.

The practice of having members, who have not been privileged to hold office, assist in the ritualistic work from time to time is not being lost sight of by many of the lodges, in fact it is not an uncommon occurrence for almost the entire degree work to be taken care of by junior members. This is very desirable and has the effect of maintaining interest but in case such a procedure was permitted to get beyond bounds I would say that the Worshipful Masters must not loose sight of the fact that they are responsible for the conferring of degrees and should know beyond doubt that such brethren are capable of performing the task allotted them in a dignified and impressive manner.

The policy of fraternal visitations has been adopted quite strongly by almost every lodge and I cannot refrain from commending their actions to the fullest extent

possible. It is also more pleasing to note the number of exchanged visits between other districts thus the brethren are not only adding to their list of acquaintances and giving outward expression of true friendship and hospitality but are creating a reserve fund of pleasure and enlarging their knowledge in ways almost too numerous to enumerate. Many agreeable and lasting friendships are thus formed and are treasured throughout life among members that might have remained strangers to each other. In this respect I would like to particularly mention Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 London; in addition to their intermingly with lodges in our own district they have entertained Victory Lodge of Chatham and Kilwinning Lodge of Toronto and also paid a fraternal visit to the latter lodge in Toronto.

Visitation of the sick is an important feature of our work that sometimes is neglected. Many a member considers the attitude of his Brothers during his illness a test of strength of the fraternal bond, and quite frequently after being ill, a member will either become more active in his lodge or will loose interest gradually drifting away, according to the attitude of his brethren during his time of need. Too much value cannot be placed on the kind word, the timely advice, the sympathy and encouragement or perhaps just a smile.

It is pleasing to note the number of lodges which have attended Church in a body; some lodges having two services a year. In addition definite plans are now under way for a Divine Service to be held in one of the largest churches in the City of London on October 19th under the auspices of the ten city lodges, the brethren from the rural lodges also being invited. A real treat is in store as we are to be favoured on this special occasion by the presence of Rev. Canon Shatford of Montreal, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who is to be the speaker.

Just as this report was about completed comes the sad news recording the death of one of our most beloved and respected Past Grand Masters in the person of Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Drope. Most Worshipful

Brother Drope was well known and extremely popular among the brethren of London District. He will be greatly missed but his living influence will long continue.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to all those brethren who accompanied me on my various visits. So many courtesies have been extended to me that it has been impossible for me to note the names and occasions in my report, but these are all engraved in my memory and shall be frequently called to mind as pleasant recollections of my official year.

With final greetings and farewell to all of you,

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL R. SAMPSON,

D.D.G.M., London District.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in the Muskoka District for the past Masonic year. In doing so, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of the District for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the many courtesies, acts of kindness and consideration received at their hands during my term of office; especially am I grateful to those who accompanied me on my official visits and who have so kindly assisted me in my work.

I found all the lodges manned with enthusiastic and capable officers and I also found that the P.D.D.G.M's had performed their duties so faithfully that my task was made comparatively easy. I have during my official visits endeavoured to impress upon the brethren the importance of living up to their obligations, laying particular stress on their duty as Masons in attending lodge regularly, and also their duty of making advancement in Masonic knowledge. I urged upon the various lodges the advisability of establishing libraries where the brethren might have access to some of the best books on the Order.

On assuming office I appointed W. Bro. Ziegler, District Secretary. I was indeed fortunate in securing an efficient officer and to him I am greatly indebted for his generous and untiring services throughout the year.

Official Visits

My first official visit was made to Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville, on Wednesday Feb. 9th, 1927. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Ziegler, the District secretary and we certainly received a royal reception. The E.A. Degree was exemplified by the W.M. and his officers in a

very satisfactory manner. The Fourth Degree was a splendid success. This lodge has been fortunate in having the careful supervision of many distinguished Past Masters.

This lodge is establishing a unique record in Masonry in that eleven Past Masters of this lodge, who have been initiated in Unity Lodge, have initiated their own sons into Masonry in their Mother Lodge—a remarkable record for a lodge situated in a comparatively small town.

The books of the lodge are being well looked after by the Secretary, W. Bro. Weiler.

On Monday, February 14th I visited Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst, and saw the E.A. Degree conferred by J. W. Fryer and an efficient staff of officers in a manner which left little room for criticism. We were received with every honour and courtesy. Several members of Muskoka Lodge, Bracebridge, including the R.W. Bro. Bird were present. This lodge has the distinction of having one of its esteemed members R.W. Bro. Canon Allman appointed Assistant Grand Chaplain.

On Tuesday, March 1st, I visited Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge. The third degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Bastedo and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters. I was sorry to learn that V.W. Bro. Warne who has been Secretary of this lodge for the past twenty-three years was obliged to resign from office owing to ill health. V.W. Bro. Warne has always been considered one of the most efficient secretaries of the Muskoka District and his services will be greatly missed. He has been a Mason for over fifty years. W. Bro. Gerhart is the newly elected secretary and I have no doubt will prove a capable officer.

On Wednesday, March 9th I made my official visit to my Mother Lodge, Granite, No. 352, Parry Sound, and saw the second degree conferred by the genial Master, W. Bro. Adam Brown and his officers in an excellent manner. The banquet was dispensed with owing to the sudden death of Bro. John Argue a life

member of the lodge, and a prominent citizen of the town. The books of the lodge are well looked after by our popular Secretary W. Bro. Broughton. Granite is exceptionally fortunate in having such a capable secretary.

On Monday, March 21st I visited Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge. The E.A. Degree was conferred with accuracy and precision which reflected credit on the W. Master and officers of the lodge. This lodge is fortunate in having such a capable secretary as R.W. Bro. Church.

I visited Algonquin Lodge, Emsdale, On March 22nd, accompanied by about forty-five members from my Mother Lodge who engaged a special car from the C.N.R. for the occasion. We were most cordially received by the W.M. and brethren of the lodge. It was by far the largest attended meeting of the district, several lodges being represented. The M.M. Degree was conferred on a splendid candidate in a most efficient manner by the W.M. and his officers, ably assisted by a number of Past Masters. I missed my old and esteemed friend R.W. Bro. Metcalfe, the veteran secretary of the lodge, who unfortunately was unable to attend owing to illness. The members of Algonquin have long been noted for their sociability and they certainly lived up to their reputation on this occasion.

While writing this report I have just learned of the passing of V.W. Bro. David Thaw who succumbed to a heart attack while in the act of installing the officers of this lodge at their annual meeting of installation, on Tuesday evening June 21st. V.W. Bro. Thaw was one of the most distinguished and highly esteemed Masons of the District and all the brethren will regret to hear of his departure. His loss will be keenly felt by Algonquin.

On May 9th I paid my official visit to Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Granite Lodge. A splendid attendance greeted us and the reception was most cordial. As the lodge had decided to celebrate its 25th anniversary on this occasion, the Degree work was dispensed with. However the officers opened and closed in the three de-

grees in a very satisfactory manner. R.W. Bro. Barber, P.D.D.G.M. of Nipissing District, who made application for the Charter of Corona Lodge twenty-five years ago, gave some interesting extracts from reports of the Lodges of Instruction held in 1902. A very interesting address was also given by R.W. Bro. Joseph Hillier, P.D.D.G.M. the first candidate initiated into Masonry in Corona Lodge. The visiting brethren congratulated Corona on its splendid record.

I paid my last official visit on June 13th to Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan, where I received a very warm welcome from the officers and members. A number of visitors from Strong Lodge, including the W. Master were present. There was no degree work, but the officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in an efficient manner. On behalf of the lodge I had the honour of presenting a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., W. Bro. Moyer. I found the books in the hands of an efficient secretary, Bro. W. C. Porter.

My report would indeed be incomplete if I failed to include a reference to the premier event of my term, that of the visit of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rowland to Granite Lodge, Parry Sound, on August the 13th, when this lodge celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its institution. The event had been planned and looked forward to by the officers and members of the lodge with great anticipation, and I am sure all realized a full measure of the benefit and pleasure anticipated. The invitation list included the other lodges of Muskoka District, Imperial Lodge Toronto, American tourist brethren who have been fraternizing annually with Granite Lodge, and R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, P.D.D.G.M. of Nipissing District. The plans were laid with the idea of giving the Grand Master as much of recreation as possible. Accordingly, a small fishing party was the order of the day, with dinner following at Rose Point Hotel. The lodge meeting in the evening was made particularly interesting by the exemplification of the Pennsylvania Third Degree by R.W. Bro. Sion B. Smith, D. D. G. M. of District No. 32, Pittsburgh, Pa., and American brethren who are members of Iron City Fishing Club. The address of the Grand Master at the

banquet table was forceful and inspiring, and he was particularly impressive in his less formal remarks in accepting the token of esteem, a complete angler's outfit, when he expressed his keen appreciation of the host of new friends in the Craft, which the associations of his office had gained for him.

Mrs. Rowland, who accompanied the Grand Master, was entertained by the ladies, the day including a trip around Parry Island, and on the 14th a party of the brethren and ladies accompanied the distinguished guests to enjoy the hospitality of the Iron City Fishing Club, at their beautiful island resort. The Grand Master and Mrs. Rowland left on their return journey on the 15th, via the "Midland City" closing a visit, the memory of which will long endure with those who were fortunate enough to participate in it.

In conclusion I wish to again express my appreciation of the many kindnesses shown me by the brethren of the district. I shall ever cherish the memories of the year about to close and feel assured that the same pleasure, and loyal support await my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

J. LESLIE MOORE,

D.D.G.M. Muskoka District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor of presenting to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master for Niagara District for the past Masonic year. In doing so I wish first to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the honour conferred upon me when elected to the high responsible office of D.D.G.M. in this historic district. In assuming the position, I did so with no little misgiving and reluctance, I have endeavoured to faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties. For any shortcomings and failures on my part, I ask the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

I am pleased to report that Niagara District is enjoying a full measure of prosperity and that harmony prevails throughout the district. Substantial increase in membership has been in evidence, and after a careful investigation I am confident that the increase represents true and worthy material.

It was my pleasure and privilege to make an official visit to each of the twenty-five Lodges in the District and in some lodges I was received on several occasions. In all my visits I endeavored to impress upon the members the duties and responsibilities they assumed in becoming Masons, and that the best and truest test of their Masonic connection was the daily practice and exemplification of our Masonic tenets and principles.

On every hand I was received with unfailing courtesy and consideration. For the many kindnesses extended to me, I am deeply grateful. On the whole the lodges are doing good work. I invariably found the Worshipful Master and his Officers enthusiastic, zealous and painstaking. For zeal and interest in Craft matters they would be found second to none in the jurisdiction. With two exceptions, a degree was conferred at each official

visit. I was glad to note that several Wor. Masters insist on examinations in the Third Degree. This is frequently neglected, and the newly raised candidate is the loser. I believe that every Wor. Master should insist on the M.M. examination before a member receives his Grand Lodge certificate.

"There is no place like home." How aptly that might be applied to our Masonic lodges, and it is particularly applicable to this district, where the lodges are evincing a greater desire to own their own Masonic homes or Temples.

My first official act was to issue a circular to each lodge informing them of my election, and also that I had secured the services of W. Bro. L. B. Tufford, of Ivy Lodge No. 115 for my District Secretary; and W. Bro. Rev. W. P. Lyon, of Clifton Lodge No. 254, as my District Chaplain each of whom has performed the duties of his office in a most efficient manner. I feel that their services have been of great assistance to me, as well as a benefit to the District.

A brief summary of my official visits and duties are as follows:

Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville, F. M. Schnick, W. Master, October 18th, 1926. Wor. Bro. Schnick and his officers, assisted by P.M's Trembly and E. E. Patterson, conferred the second degree in a very impressive manner. A fair attendance of members and visitors. This lodge have erected a fine new building which will be ready for use in the Fall of 1927. This is indeed a credit to members of Coronation Lodge.

Dufferin Lodge No. 338, Wellandport, A. Lymburner, W. Master, October 19th, 1926. Small attendance on account of busy season. No candidate, so I asked the W. Master to open and close in the several degrees, which was done quite satisfactorily. This lodge has suffered considerably from some misunderstanding among some members, but I am led to believe this breach has been healed and that work will go on as it ought hereafter.

St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines, Arthur Dean, W. Master, November 9th, 1926. A good attendance greeted me on my visit to this very old Lodge. The second degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner by the W. Master, Officers and P.M's Ruddell, Holmes, Wilson and Hodgins. On this occasion I had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, of presenting a Past Masters jewel to Wor. Bro. Chas. Burch, for faithful service rendered. The books are in the hands of Bro. A. N. Lindsay, an efficient and painstaking secretary.

On December 7th, 1926, through the kindness of the four lodges in St. Catharines making the arrangements, we had the pleasure of a visit from the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John A Rowland. This meeting was held in St. Thomas' Parish Hall, St. Catharines, and Masons from all parts of the District to the number of 600, were present. The eloquent and instructive address delivered by the Grand Master was greatly appreciated by all and will be long remembered.

R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, R.W. Bro. Wm. Logan, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. A. Heron, Grand Junior Warden, and R.W. Bro. Madill, P.G.J.W., each spoke at some length on the principles of Masonry.

On December 10th, 1926, the District was again favored with a visit from our Grand Master, the occasion being the laying of the corner stone of the new building being erected by McNab Lodge No. 169 Port Colborne. Most Worshipful Brother John A Rowland, assisted by R.W. Bro. Wm. Logan, Grand Secretary, and a large number of members of the Craft, performed the beautiful ceremony in the presence of a large number of the citizens, who came to witness the same. The very pleasing address delivered by the Grand Master was greatly appreciated by all and will be long remembered by not only the members of the Craft but by the citizens who were present.

Niagara Lodge No. 2, Niagara on the Lake, J. Schmidt, Wor. Master, January 12th, 1927. A good attendance greeted me on my visit to this historic lodge,

the oldest on the Register of Grand Lodge. The third degree was conferred most acceptably, it being the first attempt of the new officers. In every respect the officers are painstaking and endeavor to do the work intelligently and impressively. The present lodge stands on the exact spot where the first Masonic Hall in Upper Canada was situated. I could not refrain from congratulating the brethren on their unique monthly summons. This summons contains a short history of the lodge and its activities since chartered in 1792.

Merritt Lodge No. 168, Welland, J. R. Scott, W.M., Jan. 17th, 1927. A very large attendance, including many visiting brethren. The second degree was conferred by the Wor. Master and his Officers, assisted by Past Masters, in perfect manner. This lodge is well served by its Past Masters, which include R.W. Bros. Bravin and Crowe. The lodge is strong financially and own their own building jointly with Copestone Lodge.

Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103, St. Catharines, Jos. Failes, Wor. Master, January 27th, 1927. The attendance was only fair considering the membership, as this is the second largest lodge in the district. The first degree was conferred in a manner that left no cause for criticism. The lodge is well officered, strong financially, and can give a good report of itself. The secretary's books are in the efficient hands of R.W. Bro. H. J. Johnston.

Stamford Lodge No. 626, South End, N. H. Armstrong, Wor. Master, Feb. 2nd, 1927. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but with the exception of a shortage of Past Masters, can compare favorably with any of the older lodges in the manner of conferring the work. A third degree was conferred in a faultless manner. Wor. Bro. Jas. Depew, to whom the lodge is indebted for much untiring labor and zeal, continues to take an active part in the lodge work and his efforts are much appreciated. Visitors from many nearby lodges were present and helped to make the evening enjoyable. Bro. L. T. Couch makes a very proficient secretary.

Adanac Lodge No. 614, Merritton, Robt. Stuart, Wor. Master, February 3rd, 1927. A very large attendance of members and visiting brethren, including R.W.

Bros. Chas. Ross and W. Ryan. The work was a second degree and exceptionally well done. This is one of the younger lodges but prospects seem very bright for its future. In Wor. Bros. O'Connor and R. S. Bradley the lodge has two very energetic Past Masters, while W. Bro. Savings looks after the books as Secretary in a very able manner.

Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie, A. R. McDonald, Wor. Master, February 9th, 1927. A splendid meeting and a large attendance of members and visitors. The second degree was conferred in a manner that would commend itself to the most critical. The Officers are very alert and in every respect endeavour to do the work intelligently and impressively. This is the home lodge of R.W. Bro. Jas. Waugh and my predecessor, R.W. Bro. T. O. Johnston, the latter of whom makes a very efficient secretary and looks well after lodge business and reports everything in good condition.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115 Beamsville, N. M. Wilson, Wor. Master, February 15th, 1927. A very large attendance greeted me on this my visit to my mother lodge. Unfortunately, the candidate of the evening failed to show up, so I asked the Wor. Master to open and close in the several degrees, which was done satisfactorily. Ivy Lodge is blessed with many active Past Masters who see to it that the work is conferred properly. In Very W. Bro. W. D. Fairbrother, the lodge has a very capable and energetic secretary, while V.W. Bro. F. S. Prudhomme guards the treasury. The lodge owns its own rooms and is well off financially.

Copestone Lodge No. 373, Welland, H. H. Hilder, W. Master, March 3rd, 1927. A very good attendance with many visitors from surrounding lodges. Conferred first degree very acceptably, each officer doing his part impressively and deliberately. This lodge owns its own building jointly with Merritt Lodge, Prospects are good. The books are efficiently kept by W. Bro. Tattersall. I was much impressed with the earnest spirit manifested by the members of this lodge. There was an evident desire to become better acquainted with the customs and usages of the Order, and much stress was laid upon the importance of a better understanding of our principles and history.

St. Marks Lodge No. 103, Niagara Falls, W. Bromhall, Wor. Master, March 8th, 1927. I visited this lodge on March 8th and received a very warm welcome, there being a good attendance of members and visitors. The conferring of the third degree by the Master, Officers and some Past Masters was perfect, leaving no room for criticism. This is another lodge that gets splendid support from its Past Masters, and Masonry is in very safe hands in St. Marks Lodge. Wor. Bro. H. F. Garner attends to the duties of secretary in a very able manner. This lodge, together with Clifton and Adoniram, are out to erect a Temple to cost over \$100,000, which will be a credit to Niagara Falls and the whole district.

Mountain Lodge No. 221, Thorold, O. R. Steadman, W. Master, March 10th, 1927. A very large gathering greeted me on my visit to Mountain Lodge, no less than six P.D.D.G.M's being present. A third degree was conferred in a very painstaking and thorough manner, each officer taking his part well. Past Masters do not seem to lose interest and are a wonderful help to the Master. Mountain Lodge owns its own building and have very commodious rooms with proper appointments. Everything indicates prosperity and a desire to further the interests of the Order. W. Bro. W. J. Mable makes a very efficient secretary and has his books in good shape.

Fort Erie Lodge No. 613, Fort Erie, W. J. Hawley W. Master, March 15th, 1927. This is another lodge that owns its own building. A good attendance of members and visitors greeted me on this occasion. The Master and his officers, with the help of some P. Masters, conferred two second degrees. The work was put on in a splendid manner. Though a comparatively young lodge they have made good progress. They have very comfortable quarters with all the latest appointments, and, I understand, are well out of debt. W. Bro. W. F. Willson makes a good Secretary and has his books well kept.

Temple Lodge No. 296, St. Catharines, Jas. Crawford W. Masters, March 16th, 1927. A very large attendance of members and visitors greeted me at Temple Lodge, among them several P.D.D.G.M's. A first de-

gree was conferred by W. Bro. Crawford and his Officers, assisted by Past Masters, of whom the lodge has a goodly number always ready and willing to assist in the lodge work. The work was very well done. The Jr. Wardens lecture by Bro. Trapnell was perfect. The lodge is forging ahead in membership and is very strong financially. W. Bro. C. A. Brown as Secretary, and W. Bro. J. B. Archer as Treasurer, have their books in splendid condition.

Amity Lodge No. 32, Dunnville, Chas. R. Bilger, W. Master, March 23rd, 1927. This meeting was the occasion of my official visit and the Dedication of the new rooms of Amity Lodge. A very large attendance of members and visitors from surrounding lodges were present. The Wor. Master received me and welcomed me very cordially and then proceeded to open the Lodge in the second degree for the purpose of dedication. The Grand Master being unavoidably absent on account of illness, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel acted in his stead and, assisted by R.W. Bro. Logan, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. A. Heron, Grand Junior Warden, myself and several P.D.D.G.M's and Past Masters, dedicated the rooms in due form. R.W. Bro. Dargavel and R.W. Bro. Logan each gave an interesting talk on Masonic matters. At the close of the lodge session all adjourned to another Hall where Amity Lodge were hosts to the members, visitors and their ladies at an "At Home". All present voted it one grand evening. Although there was no degree work conferred, I am satisfied the work is always put on properly, as the lodge has a set of smart young officers and many willing and active Past Masters.

Adoniram Lodge No. 573, Niagara Falls, G. A. Thompson, W. Master, March 28th, 1927. A good attendance of members and visitors. Conferred the third degree in a very acceptable manner, each officer doing his part impressively and deliberately. W. Bro. Chas. H. Stringer is the new secretary of this lodge and will make good. He has his records in excellent shape. Adoniram Lodge, in conjunction with St. Marks and Clifton Lodges, hope in the very near future to have a home for the Craft in Niagara Falls that will be a credit to them and the community. At this meeting Bro.

M. A. Sorsoleil, of Hyde Park Lodge, Toronto, gave a very interesting address on the subject "Elements of Success."

King Edward VII Lodge No. 471, Chippawa, W. Johansen Wor. Master, April 6th, 1927.

On this date I made my official visit to King Edward VII Lodge, and, at the request of the Grand Master also Dedicated their new lodge rooms. Assisted by R.W. Bro. A. J. Brown of Toronto, and P.D.D.G.M's and Past Masters from several surrounding lodges, we performed the ceremony of Dedication in due form. Immediately following this was received in the lodge rooms, when the Master, Officers and Past Masters conferred a third degree in an excellent manner. This lodge owns its own building and when completely finished, will be a home to be proud of. In W. Bro. Gray, as Treasurer and W. Bro. W. Smeaton as secretary, the lodge has two officers to be proud of as both take a very active interest in anything pertaining to Masonic work. The lodge is enjoying a full measure of prosperity and goodfellowship.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls, H. Patterson, Wor. Master, April 7th, 1927. This is the largest lodge in the district with a membership over 500 and still growing. The work of the evening was the third degree and was conferred by W. Bro. Patterson and his Officers, assisted by several Past Masters—of whom the lodge has an active supply—in a faultless manner. A large attendance including many visitors. Clifton is noted for its attention to the work and landmarks of Masonry. The night of my visit was no exception. The lodge room is used conjointly with St. Marks Lodge and is tastefully decorated and very commodious and comfortable. R. W. Bro. J. C. Lymburner makes a very efficient secretary and in this work has the assistance of W. Bro. J. D. Muir. Clifton, St. Marks and Adoniram are making preparations for a new Masonic Temple, to be erected very shortly. I had the honor on this occasion, on behalf of the lodge, to present to W. Bro. W. B. Gillies, a Past Masters jewel in recognition of valuable services rendered.

Perfection Lodge No. 616, St. Catharines, E. A. Fox, Wor. Master, April 11th, 1927. A good attendance greeted me on my visit to Perfection. In conferring the second degree, Perfection maintained its proud record for excellent work. Each Officer gave his part in that quiet, sure and impressivve manner that can hold the attention of all members in the room and must certainly convey to the candidate the message we wish to acquaint him with. Perfection is one of the younger lodges of the district and is progressing steadily. It takes its Masonic responsibilities seriously and its prospects are very bright. W. Bro. G. L. Sherk is the efficient secretary in charge of the books.

Myrtle Lodge No. 337, Port Robinson, L. M. Holditch, W.M., April 12th, 1927. A very large gathering of members and visitors greeted me on my visit to Myrtle Lodge when a first degree was conferred in a splendid manner. The lodge is well officered and can give a good report of itself. R.W. Bro. Chas. Ross, is the efficient secretary and a great help in the work of the lodge. It is well supported by its Past Masters.

Phoenix Lodge No. 535, Fonthill, F. Tunnacliffe, W. Master, April 18th, 1927. Very cordially received by a large number of members and visitors on my visit to Phoenix Lodge, when W. Master Tunnacliffe and his Officers conferred the second degree in a very satisfactory manner. The lodge is enjoying great prosperity, and everything indicates a desire to further the interest of the Order. It is well supported by its Past Masters. The secretary, V.W. Bro. Clark, is a capable and painstaking officer and has his records in good shape. R.W. Bro. A. B. Damude is a great help to Phoenix Lodge.

Palmer Lodge No. 372, Bridgeburg, T. V. Stamp, W. Master, May 3rd, 1927. A well attended meeting with many visitors from the American side. W. Bro. Stamp and his officers, assisted by Past Masters, conferred the third degree in a manner comparable to any I have seen in the district. The lodge has lately acquired new quarters which are large and comfortable and afford the best facilities for carrying on the work. R.W. Bro.

Jas. Tait is energetic and is instrumental in keeping the work up to the standard. W. Bro. Stamp is not only a magnet in his own lodge but to all who know him.

Dominion Lodge No. 615, Ridgeway, Fred C. Brown, W. Master, May 5th, 1927. Another well attended meeting of members and visitors, including P.D.D.G.M. Fry of New York State. The W. Master and Officers, assisted by several Past Masters, conferred a first degree in a splendid, impressive manner. This lodge is presided over by a most enthusiastic and proficient Master, assisted by a most efficient staff of Officers, never lacking in their efforts to keep the lodge up to the high standard which it holds in the District. The warm fraternal greeting always extended to visiting brethren, makes it one of the popular lodges of the district. W. Bro. M. I. Beeshy still "sways the pen", and a great deal of the success of the lodge is due to his interest in its affairs. ,

McNab Lodge No. 169, Port Colborne, H. E. Cowan, W. Master, May 10th, 1927. A fair attendance of members greeted me on this visit, when the Master and his Officers conferred the third degree in a first class manner. This lodge has an active lot of Past Masters who are always ready to take any part of the work assigned to them. W. Bro. Hicks, though new to the position of Secretary, has his books in good shape and takes an active interest in lodge work. The members are looking forward to the completion of their new building with more adequate accommodation to meet the demands of their steady growth.

In my report of each lodge, I purposely omitted mentioning the hospitality received, but I must here say that at each lodge I visited a sumptuous banquet was tendered at the close of the evening, and the good cheer extended, the friends there made, and the ideas expressed in such an able manner by the members of the different lodges, will long remain in memory after any small trials or difficulties of the year shall have faded away into the forgotten past.

I wish to express my thanks to several lodges for invitations received to the social affairs of their lodge, and to several individual brethren who entertained us on the day of our visit.

In conclusion, permit me to heartily thank the brethren of Niagara District for the kindness shown me during my term of office, and to express the hope that they will treat my successor in the same hearty way.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. WILSON,
D.D.G.M. Niagara District.

NIPISSING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

With a full sense of appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this district in selecting me as their Deputy, I take much pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report for the year that has just closed. I have endeavored in this report to make it as brief as possible, in compliance with the wishes of Grand Lodge, mentioning only such things as would give the reader a clear understanding of the condition of Masonry in this district. To me the year has been one of much pleasure and profit. To the various lodges of the district, I trust that it has been one of improvement in the various branches of the work.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Geo. Fisher, of Algoma Lodge, District Secretary and Bro. Rev. J. M. Allan of National Lodge, District Chaplain.

Grand Master's Visit to North Bay

It was with deep regret that owing to absence on my vacation I was unable to be present on this occasion. I am indebted to V.W. B. F. Nott for the following report.

"An event of special importance during the year was the visit on Monday, Aug. 23rd, 1926 of Most Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, to the Masons of North Bay and surrounding country on his initial trip to the lands of Forests and Mines. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rowland and her friend, Mrs. Douglas Murray, who were royally entertained by W. B. Freeman and his good wife in their palatial home. R.W. Bro. A. J. Young also accompanied the party.

Under the guidance of V.W. Bro. B. F. Nott the guests and members of Nipissing Lodge No. 420 and North Bay Lodge No. 617, were motored throughout the

city and surrounding country and then entertained at luncheon at the North Bay Golf and Country Club and the afternoon was there pleasantly spent by the ladies at bridge while the gentlemen practised the manly game of golf.

In the evening a joint meeting of the two lodges was held when the work of the evening, the conferring of the Fellow Craft Degree, was exemplified by the officers of North Bay Lodge.

A banquet followed in the Pacific Hotel to which Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Freeman were welcomed when about one hundred and fifty brethren sat down to the good things provided. Most Wor. Bro. Rowland delivered a most inspiring address and endeared himself to every Mason present. It can be truthfully said that no man could receive a more cordial and enthusiastic welcome than did the Most Wor. the Grand Master from the large gathering present."

Consecration and Dedication

On Sept. 28th, 1926, acting on instructions from the Grand Master, I had the honor to perform the ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication of Hornepayne Lodge No. 636. I installed the officers in the evening. In these ceremonies I was ably assisted by the following brethren:

R.W. Bro. J. S. Cordingly of Hornepayne; R.W. Bro. D. H. Currie of Hornepayne; R.W. Bro. J. B. Way of Sault Ste. Marie; V.W. Bro. E. H. Barnes of Sault Ste. Marie; W. Bro. W. C. Paul of Sault Ste. Marie; W. Bro. J. H. Healey of Capreol.; W. Bro. A. J. Lomas of Capreol; W. Bro. D. C. Wilson of Chapleau.

The lodge room was filled to its capacity at these various ceremonies. The brethren are very enthusiastic and I have every reason to believe that under the able guidance of their Master, W. Bro. T. H. Butters, this lodge will be not only prosperous but a real assist to Masonry.

Work

I had on various occasions visited many of the lodges of this district and on my visitations this year I could see a marked improvement. The lodges with few exceptions are active and work with uniformity and efficiency and in accordance with established usage. A friendly rivalry exists among many of the lodges, due largely to frequent interchange of visits. These visits create in the members a desire to excel in ritual and are greatly beneficial to all who attend. On the whole the craft has a very thorough knowledge of the ritual and the zeal and energy which the officers display in seeking to be as nearly perfect as possible is very gratifying and speaks well for the future. In many of the lodges my remarks were of necessity commendatory rather than critical. There is more, however in Masonry than ritual. After all its proper rendition is a little moment in comparison to the teaching of the principles upon which our order is founded. Although I have observed that considerable has been accomplished along this line I feel that a great deal more might be done.

Benevolence

In accordance with the Grand Master's wish I took up the matter of Benevolence in all the lodges of the district in an endeavor to give them a clear understanding of the positions of Grand Lodge in this matter and to get them to realize their own responsibilities as lodges to their unfortunate brethren or dependents. If all the lodges, particularly in the early years of their existence, would adopt some scheme for creating a permanent, benevolent fund to provide against contingencies as they arise, it would greatly relieve the strain on the finances of Grand Lodge. I find that many of our lodges have adopted such a plan and one lodge with a little over one hundred members has fifteen hundred dollars in its benevolent fund.

Visitations

Hatherley Lodge No. 625—I visited this lodge at their regular meeting on Feb. 18, when the third degree was conferred for my inspection. Although this is one of the young lodges of the district they are particularly fortunate in having a number of affiliated Past Masters

who are always ready to assist and support the Master in every way possible. For a lodge of their age, the work was conferred in an excellent manner.

Mattawa Lodge No. 405—This lodge was visited on March 8th. while this is the oldest lodge in the district, it has had an up hill climb and a struggle for existence for years. Their members have nearly all moved away so that there are very few resident members left. On this occasion they conferred the first degree in an excellent manner considering the opportunities they have for perfecting themselves in the work. They have a beautiful lodge room, an enthusiastic and efficient Master and Secretary and from the applications that they have received this year, I believe the lodge will receive a new impetus and more prosperous times are in store for them.

Nickel Lodge No. 427—On March 9th I visited this lodge when they conferred the third degree in their usual masterly style. The members are seriously considering moving into new quarters. In fact they have already purchased a block which they may fit up for lodge purposes. No criticism could be made of the work as exemplified on this occasion as it was about as near perfect as it was possible to make it. They have a large number of Past Masters who have not lost their enthusiasm for the work and are ready to assist in every way possible.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447—On March 10th, I witnessed this lodge confer the second degree. This is one of the older lodges of the district yet comparatively small on account of the lack of available material. They have the distinction of having the oldest Worshipful Master in the district, he being about seventy-two years of age. For a man of his age he has an excellent memory and conferred the degree in a commendable manner. The lodge is to be congratulated upon having W. Bro. W. C. Parliament as their Master. The lodge room has been decorated and the surroundings much improved since the visit of the last D.D.G.M.

Nipissing Lodge No. 420 and North Bay Lodge No. 617—These lodges were visited at a joint meeting on March 11th, when the first degree was conferred by

Nipissing with W. Bro. A. Freeman in the chair. Too much praise could not be given this lodge as it was rendered with a precision and impressiveness that would be difficult to excell. This was North Bay Lodge's regular meeting and although I did not see them confer a degree I must congratulate them on the prompt and expeditious manner in which they transacted their business. This lodge, under the leadership of W. Bro. R. F. Mason, is making rapid progress. A real Masonic spirit is evident among the brethren of these two lodges and an honest effort is made to live up to the teachings of Masonry which is of even more importance than the correct rendition of the work.

Espanola Lodge No. 527—My official visit to this lodge was on March 28th, when the third degree was conferred in their usual able and efficient manner. The W. Master of this lodge, W. Bro. L. N. Houck is very accurate in all details and is worthy of special mention. He was ably assisted by R. Wor. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee. They own their own lodge room and have bright prospects for the future.

Algonquin Lodge No. 536—The third degree was conferred by this lodge on the occasion of my official visit on March 29th. This is one of the young, active and enthusiastic lodges of the district. They are putting forth a real earnest effort, not only to perfect themselves in the work, but to teach and practise the principles of Masonry. The work on this occasion was exceptionally good and the room was filled to its capacity. It is noteworthy that visitors were present on this occasion from fifteen different lodges. Their Wor. Master, W. Bro. John Gribble is most attentive and enthusiastic. This is the only lodge in the district that had their affiliation forms revised in accordance with the change in the Constitution as amended at the last session of Grand Lodge. .

National Lodge No. 588—This, another of our younger and enthusiastic lodges was visited officially on March 30th, when the third degree was conferred in a creditable manner. Being an offspring of Nickel Lodge and enjoying the privileges of frequent interchanges of

visits, they have made rapid progress. W. Bro. E. Einarson is keenly alive to his responsibilities and a real spirit of brotherhood prevails. Their Secretary W. Bro. L. W. Ellis is particularly worthy of mention as his books are particularly neat and complete.

Lorne Lodge No. 622—This lodge which is named after the son of Bro. G. B. Nicholson who lost his life in the Great War, was officially visited on Mar. 31st. They have a most beautiful lodge room, free of encumbrance, with appointments that would do credit to a much larger place. They are keenly alive to their responsibilities and the smallest details are carefully looked after. On this occasion their Worshipful Master, W. Bro. J. A. Hogg, was unavoidably absent from the town, but his place was ably filled by W. Bro. D. C. Wilson, a Past Master, who with his officers conferred the Second Degree in a most creditable manner.

Keystone Lodge No. 412 and Algoma Lodge No. 469—On May 4th I was entertained at a joint banquet tendered by these two lodges, at which V.W. Bro. T. E. Simpson, M.P. acted as toastmaster. Being a member of both lodges and having witnessed their work on very many occasions, I did not consider it at all necessary to ask them to open lodge to confer work for my inspection. In lodges such as these, with reputations for accuracy such as they enjoy, more good can be accomplished by practical Masonic addresses than by asking them to confer degrees, which you know from the beginning are going to be rendered almost faultlessly. However both these lodges conferred work for my inspection in other places, which I will record later in this report.

I must extend to W. Bro. W. J. W. Johnson and W. Bro. D. Rodgers, Worshipful Masters of Keystone and Algoma Lodges respectively, my sincere thanks for their kindly reception and sympathetic support which they accorded me during the year.

Gore Bay Lodge No. 472—I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on May 9th, and as they had no degrees to confer, the evening was spent in a discussion of the work in general and in straightening out many little

difficulties. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Their lodge room is particularly well equipped and well suited for their requirements. Their Worshipful Master, W. Bro. J. Donaldson and his Officers seem very anxious to conduct their affairs in the best way possible.

Doric Lodge No. 455—On May 10th, I motored to Little Current with Bro. A. O. Hinds and visited the lodge officially, when the third degree was conferred in a manner that merited commendation. This is one of the older lodges of the district and although their available material for membership is not large, they have had a prosperous and successful year under the able guidance of W. Bro. W. G. Alston. As this was their regular meeting I had the opportunity of witnessing the conduct of their business which was very creditable.

Dyment Lodge No. 422—On the occasion of my official visit to this lodge, May 11th, I had the honor of having accompany me about thirty-five members of Keystone Lodge, who exemplified the first degree in their usual capable and efficient manner. The third degree was conferred by Dyment Lodge. The work was particularly well done, especially the parts taken by W. Bro. J. O. Coulter and W. Bro. W. R. Benson. Their Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Ed. McDougall is particularly fortunate in having Past Masters such as these and others to assist him.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the recitation by W. Bro. J. H. Jenkinson of Keystone Lodge, of the Ancient Charges. It was particularly well done and much appreciated by the brethren. The meeting proved to be of great profit to all who attended. There were also present at this meeting about fifteen members of Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River.

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487—My visit to this lodge on June 8th was the last of my official visits. Accompanying me on this visit was Espanola Lodge who conferred the first degree, about twelve members of Dyment Lodge and about thirty-five members of Algoma Lodge, who exemplified the third degree.

The first degree was exemplified by Espanola Lodge in the afternoon, under the leadership of W. Bro. L. N. Houck, in their customary accurate style. In the evening Penewobikong Lodge exemplified for my inspection, the second degree. Their Wor. Master, W. Bro. J. D. McLean is supported by a number of enthusiastic Past Masters who are of great assistance in the work. Blind River is experiencing new industrial life by the locating there of a large lumber mill. This should mean new life for their lodge by the influx of new material. The lodge is wide awake to the situation and are looking forward to prosperous times.

Wor. Bro. J. H. Jenkinson of Keystone Lodge, in his usual capable manner, recited the Ancient Charges much to the benefit and pleasure of all. The following D.D. G.M's were present: R.W. Bro. White of Blind River; R.W. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee of Espanola; R.W. Bro. R. C. Dobie of Thessalon.

Division of District

Having been instructed at the last District meeting to take the proper steps to have this matter presented to Grand Lodge, I had a petition prepared asking for the division. A counter petition was presented to me. I accordingly had both these petitions presented to all lodges with the result that nine lodges opposed the division and eight lodges favoured it. Taking it by membership, the lodges opposing the division represented about 1,575 Masons, while those who favoured division represent approximately only 1075 members. The division has consequently been defeated in the district and I feel that it would be a mistake, seeing that it is not unanimous, to make any change at the present.

General Remarks

Masonry is in a good healthy and prosperous condition in Nipissing District. The lodges are all fortunate in having good secretaries, who besides making their returns promptly, are prompt with their correspondence. Naturally this has aided me greatly in my work.

I examined also the by-laws and have notified the lodges wherein they were at variance with the Constitution. Some of the lodges have already made the necessary corrections.

In accordance with the change in the Constitution made at the last session of Grand Lodge, all lodges have complied with the requirements by reading such portions of the Proceedings as in the opinion of the Master would be of most interest to the members.

On two different occasions I had the Ancient Charges recited which was very much appreciated by the brethren. For this I am indebted to W. Bro. J. H. Jenkinson of Keystone Lodge. I feel that many of our lodges overlook the importance of having them read in open lodge each year. A careful review of these charges yearly by the lodge cannot fail to make us better Masons and I would urge all lodges to observe this custom.

All lodges of the district attend Divine Service in a body each year, and in many other ways that I might mention are endeavoring to live up to the wishes of the governing body.

Conclusion

I have omitted in connection with my report of the various lodges, any mention of banquets in order that I might make my report as brief as possible in accordance with the wishes of Grand Lodge. I would like to say, however that I appreciated all these courtesies made on my behalf. I will long remember the many pleasant associations, the whole hearted unanimous support, the genuine regard and the loyalty shown me, which made it possible for me to perform my duties in a manner that I could not have done but for this continued help and support.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me and I trust that they will spread the broad mantle of Masonic charity over my shortcomings. The year has been one of inspiration to me and I hope has been one of profit to the district that I have been privileged to serve.

Fraternally submitted,

H. F. GOODFELLOW,

D.D.G.M. Nipissing District.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in North Huron District for the year 1926-27.

Just here I would like to express to the brethren my sincere appreciation for the high honor they have conferred in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in North Huron District. I have endeavoured to serve in the office to the best of my ability, and have tried to impress on the brethren in my visits with them the duties we owe to our brothers, our lodges, and the craft at large, that we are organized for a purpose, the betterment of mankind, and that we cannot hope to prosper if we do not live up to our obligations.

My first duty after being appointed to this office was to appoint Wor. Bro. C. F. Richardson District Secretary and Rev. Bro. D. G. Paton District Chaplin, these brethren assisted very ably in having a very successful District Church Service on Sept. 12th, when we had a large representation of the district present. We had the honor at this time to have R.W. Bro. Armstrong of our neighboring district, Bruce, with us.

The first lodge I visited officially after my appointment was Blair Lodge, Palmerston. On the occasion of this visit I was accompanied by a number of the brethren from Teeswater Lodge. We were very heartily welcomed and I was presented to the Wor. Master by W. Bro. Corbitt and R.W. Bro. Morris. The first degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by W. Bro. Scrimminger and his staff of officers. I would like to compliment Blair Lodge in being so fortunate in having W. Bro. Corbitt for a secretary after examining the books of the lodge I was quite satisfied that they

were in very capable hands. This lodge is in good financial condition, dues are kept well paid up. and I would say the Masonry is in a flourishing condition in Blair Lodge.

On Oct. 19th I visited St. John's Lodge No. 284 Brussels, there was a good attendance at this meeting, visiting brethren from Wroxeter, Frowich, Palmerston and Teeswater, although the lodge room is small it is well equipped and work with good results is being done in this lodge. I was presented by R.W. Bro. Wilton and V.W. Bro. Black. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Willis and his officers in a very efficient manner he was also very ably assisted by Past Masters. I was particularly interested in the many older brethren who took part in the work of the lodge, and St. John's is very fortunate in having so willing a worker as R.W. Bro. Wilton.

My next official visit was to Forest Lodge Wroxeter No. 162, on Dec. 13th, and we had a very pleasing evening. The attendance was small but the enthusiastic manner in which the brethren worked together demonstrated quite clearly that good work is being done in this lodge. The third degree was conferred in a very pleasing way by W. Bro. Gibson and assisted by R.W. Bro. Brown and W. Bro. McCutcheon. I was impressed in, Forest Lodge by so many young brethren being present which shows they are getting new members, and I am sure they are of the calibre that will make good craftsman.

I made no further visits officially until March 1st, of this year when I visited Wingham Lodge No. 286. This was a visit I looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure, Wingham being my home town. The visiting brethren and myself were heartily welcomed, visiting brethren were present from Lucknow, Wroxeter, and Teeswater. I was presented by R.W. Bro. Jobb and W. Bro. Nash. The first degree being conferred in a very pleasing manner by W. Bro. Galbraith and his staff of officers. Wingham Lodge is to be complimented on their lodge room and equipment, at this meeting there were five Past D.D.G.M's present, and friendly criticism

was the order with good results to all present. The lodge is very fortunate in having Bro. Smith as secretary. The very excellent system of keeping the books of the lodge is worthy of special mention, and I feel that Wingham Lodge is in healthy condition at present.

On March 24th it was my pleasure to visit Teeswater Lodge No. 276, my Mother Lodge, and I must say that the fellowcraft degree was conferred by W. Bro. McKenzie and staff of officers in a very efficient manner. Teeswater Lodge has progressed very favorably since taking up new quarters two years ago, were they now have a fine lodge room and banquet hall in connection. The attendance throughout the year has not been as large as one, perhaps, would wish, but yet they I believe are doing good work which will be creditable to the craft in general. Just here I would like to make reference of the death of one of the standbys of Teeswater Lodge in the person of W. Bro. Baker who passed away on March 17th, W. Bro. Baker was an ardent worker for Masonry and his death has been a great loss to Teeswater Lodge. He was laid to rest with Masonic Rites on Sunday, March 20th, when a large number of brethren congregated to pay their last respects to a departed brother.

On April 6th I visited Northern Light Lodge No. 93 Kincardine, the oldest lodge in our district, in fact one of the older lodges of the Province of this North Huron is very proud. There was a splendid attendance at this meeting, visiting brethren from Tiverton, Lucknow, and Teeswater being present. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Morrison and R.W. Bro. McPherson, the W.M. Bro. Geo. Morrison and his staff of officers exemplified the first degree in a very efficient manner, which was a great credit to W. Bro. Morrison and the officers of the lodge. V.W. Bro. Miller was present and conferred a part of the work. He is the oldest living member on Northern Light Lodge, and contains a wonderful storehouse of Masonic knowledge of the early days and of today. On the whole Northern Light Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and is doing a wonderful work.

Old Light Lodge at Lucknow I visited on April 14th, when we had a very enjoyable evening. Their was a good attendance at this meeting, visiting brethren

from Kincardine, Smith's Hill, and Teeswater. The second degree was put on by W. Bro. Mair and his staff in a very able manner, which was very creditable indeed. Old Light has been having good attendance throughout the year. R.W. Bro. Patterson was present and still takes a great interest in the work of the lodge.

The next visit I made was to Blythe Lodge No. 303 April 19th, accompanied by a number of Teeswater brethren, the attendance at this meeting was small, and as there was no work on that evening the W.M., W. Bro. Snell opened and closed in the three degrees in a very efficient manner and I have no doubt will be able to put on the work of the different degrees with credit to himself and the lodge. This lodge has had a very quite year in fact for a few years past, there seems to be a lack of interest among the brethren in their attendance at lodge which is very discouraging to the W.M. I would recommend that they make a special effort this coming year and try if possible to work up a little enthusiasm. Blythe Lodge is doing a splendid work in benevolence.

Fordwich was my next visit on April 21st, there was a fair attendance at this meeting. Visiting brethren from the neighboring lodges being present. After being introduced by R.W. Bro. Hutchison and W. Bro. Hannabaker the W.M. conferred the first degree with the assistance of Past Masters upon a splendid type of candidate, one whom I am sure will be a credit to Fordwich Lodge. This lodge has not been holding their meetings as regular as one would wish, but I trust in the future they will be having better attendance and meet regular, ever remembering that punctuality of the officers is one of the most important features of keeping up the interest of the lodge. They are however doing a great benevolent work which is a credit to Fordwich Lodge.

On the night of May 10th, I visited Hullett Lodge No. 568 at Londesboro. Their was a splendid turnout at this meeting and the very hearty way we were received was gratifying indeed. There were many visiting brethren present. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Abery and W. Bro. Mountain, after which W. Bro. Nott conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner on

a very well prepared candidate. Hullett Lodge has a splendid staff of P.M's who are a great help to the lodge. This lodge is in a very healthy condition for a young lodge and are doing a good work with great credit to themselves. They have a very neat lodge room and are in fair condition financially. We were especially honoured at this meeting with the presence of R.W. Bro. Yorick of Clinton Lodge, who gave us a very instructive addresses on the duties we owe to the craft.

Bernard Lodge No. 225 was visited by me on May 13th, when a very pleasant and instructive night was spent indeed. The attendance at this meeting was very large and in looking up the register of the lodge I found that they have been having good attendance throughout the year, due largely to very energetic W.M. they have in W.Bro. Johnston, after being introduced by R.W. Bro. Watson the W.M. opened up in the second and third when the third was conferred upon two candidates. These candidates were well prepared for their work, which shows the thoroughness with which Bernard Lodge carries on its work. Bernard Lodge is very fortunate in having a very efficient staff of Past Masters which are of great assistance to the W.M. W. Bro. Johnston is assisted by a very capable staff of junior officers, and I must mention the deacons who put on their work with great credit to themselves and impressed all those present.

My final visit was to Bruce Lodge No. 341 Tiverton on May 17th, which was a very well attended meeting, visiting brethren from Kincardine, Wingham and Teeswater. After being introduced by my predecessor, R.W. Bro. Mewhinney the W.M. opened up in the second and third degrees, when the sublime degree of a master mason was conferred upon a well instructed candidate by the W.M., W. Bro. Grunder and assisted by Past Masters in a very able manner. It was my pleasure during this night to visit an invalid brother in the person of Bro. Angus McKenzie who has been an invalid for over nine years, a member of Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, and the spirit of cheerfulness, gratitude and appreciation of the kindnesses and care the brethren of Northern Light have shown to this brother was very plainly im-

pressed on me, and how thankful we ought to be, we that are well, instead of grumbling at the petty things that befall us. Bruce Lodge is well situated, a very neat lodge room, well equipped and I am sure that splendid work is being done by these brethren.

On June the 19th, North Huron District held a District Church Service at Brussels, when a very large representation of the different lodges of the district were present. The meeting was held in Melville Presbyterian Church and Rev. Bro. Barker, pastor of the United Church Brussels, preached a very inspiring sermon on the Battlements of the Temple, a male choir of forty Masons assisted in the service. Rev. Bro. Fowler of the Melville Presbyterian Church also assisted at the service.

It is my privilege to have the honor of recommending the name of a Past Master in the District to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for appointment to Grand Lodge Membership, and I take much pleasure in submitting W. Bro. Charles F. Richardson of Teeswater Lodge, I know him to be a brother well skilled in the art of masonry, an ardent lover of the craft and one worthy of the honor.

In bringing my report to a close let me say that the work throughout North Huron District is of high order, and that the condition of Masonry is a very favorable one, I look on North Huron District as one of the Districts which is proving up, to her credit in these strenuous times.

In visiting the various lodges I was invariably accompanied by brethren from Teeswater Lodge who aided me in no small way in making my term of office a pleasurable one, and I am particularly indebted to R.W. Bro. Fowler and W. Bro. Melvin for their hearty co-operation and assistance to me in helping to carry out the work of the year just closed.

In conclusion let me again thank the many brethren throughout the district for the privilege I have had in having the honor of serving you. The many friendships I have made will linger in my memory as long as I live and I am unable to express to you adequately my appreciation for your many kindnesses.

Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. LINKLATER,
D.D.G.M. North Huron District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District during the past year.

I appreciate very much the honor conferred on me by the brethren of Ontario District in selecting me as their D.D.G.M. and I hereby tender my grateful thanks for the many kindnesses shown and courtesies extended to men on my official visits, as I appreciate the above more than words can express.

I wish particularly to thank my District Secretary, W.' Bro. F. H. Batty, Past Master of Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope, who accompanied me on my official visits throughout the district and I do appreciate very highly the support rendered by him at all times during my term of office.

Bro. Rev. A. G. Emmett, as District Chaplain, I am very sorry to say was taken ill and had to give up his church work, and was unable to accompany me on my visits.

On all my visits I endeavoured to lay stress on the many advantages gained by fraternal visits in the district, and also advised the starting of libraries in the various lodges, which met with general approval, some having already started.

The Past Masters' Association of Ontario District is in a flourishing condition, great interest being taken in the same; also, I find that the lodges are particularly careful with the selection of candidates.

I have been requested by Grand Lodge to make my reports as short as possible and to the point, but I can-

not pass without thanking the Past Masters and members of Ontario and Hope Lodges, of Port Hope for accompanying me on my visits.

It was my great privilege on June the 3rd to attend and assist in the dedication of the new Masonic Temple-Composite Lodge-Whitby, Ont. They now have one of the best equipped lodge rooms in the district, and I was very pleased on this occasion to have the pleasure of meeting the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, W. Bro. John Rowland and other distinguished member so Grand Lodge.

Following is the list of my official visits in the district:

Orono Lodge No. 325, Orono, Ont., Nov. 18th, 1926. This was my first official visit and I was accompanied by several of the brethren from Port Hope, including the District Secretary, W. Bro. F. H. Batty and Bro. A. G. Emmett, District Chaplain.

The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Linton and his officers, assisted by some of the Past Masters; the candidate, Bro. Gamsby being exceptionally well schooled and the officers are to be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which they did their work.

The secretary has his books in good shape and from present indications Masonry seems to be in a thriving condition.

Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry Ont., Nov. 19, 1926. I visited Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, on Friday 19th November, 1926, accompanied by several members from Port Hope.

The work of the evening was in the first degree and the officers are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which the work was done and leaves no room for comment. They are also to be commented on the manner in which they work the closing down of their lodge; they also have quite up-to-date appointments.

The secretary, Bro. J. W. Crozier has his books in good shape, and in all, Fidelity Lodge, is in good Masonic standing.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, Ontario.—It was my privilege to visit St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont. on Tuesday December 14th and I was again accompanied by a goodly number from Port Hope. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree by W. Bro. Hardcastle and his well trained officers. The work of the degree was exceptionally well done and they, are to be congratulated on their efforts. The secretary Bro. M. Hewson, is a valuable asset to the lodge, and the finances are in good shape. From present conditions and the assistance of the Past Masters St. John's Lodge is sure to go ahead.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 31, Bowmanville, Ont. I visited Jerusalem Lodge at Bowmanville, Ont. on Wednesday, February 2nd, 1927 and again had the pleasure of having the first degree exemplified for my benefit. The work throughout was first class and left little room for criticism.

The Past Masters of this lodge are a great asset and the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Robt. Gill, has everyone working in the interests of Masonry in general, and they have in their Secretary, W. Bro. Thos. Annison a most capable one, his books are in first class condition and well kept.

Ontario Lodge No. 26, Port Hope, Ont. This affords me the extreme pleasure of visiting my mother lodge, on Friday, February the 18th, and from past records I do not hesitate to say that the third degree was exemplified in a most capable manner.

The Past Masters here, as well as in previous inspections to other lodges in the district, took a prominent part in the work, and although this was the second meeting for the newly elected officers of Ontario Lodge, yet, W. Bro. S. N. Haskill and his officers are to be congratulated on the manner in which the business and work of the evening were conducted.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope. This was my official visit to our sister lodge in Port Hope, on Friday,

March 4th, 1927, and again I was very much pleased with the manner in which W. Bro. C. S. Hamly and his officers put on the third degree.

The Past Masters are a valuable asset to Hope Lodge and are always willing to assist with the work. On this occasion there was a goodly number of visiting brethren and one of the principle events of the evening was the congratulations extended to V.W. Bro. T. H. Bell on having attained his fortieth year as a mason. He is also their secretary and his books in good shape.

Lebarion Lodge No. 139, Oshawa, Ont. On Tuesday March the 8th, 1927, I visited Lebarion Lodge, Oshawa, Ont. and was accompanied by thirty members from Port Hope and I again had the pleasure of having the third degree exemplified for me. This lodge was unfortunate enough to lose their Senior Warden through sickness, consequently all the officers are advanced considerable, however, the work they did was good and are to be congratulated. I also had the privilege of, hearing three brethren prove themselves as to their proficiency of the Third degree and were then presented with their certificates. The secretary, Bro. W. A. Hare has everything in hand and books in good condition.

Durham Lodge No. 66, Newcastle, Ont. On Tuesday evening, March the 15th accompanied by about twenty of the masons of Port Hope, I paid my official visit to Durham Lodge.

The work of the evening was the first degree and W. Bro. Law and his officers are to be congratulated on the able manner in which they exemplify the work, and they are to be congratulated also on having such up-to-date quarters in the Community Hall.

The Past Masters, while few in number are a most valuable asset to the lodge and are always willing to assist and with the assistance of their Secretary, Durham Lodge is bound to thrive.

Colborne Lodge No. 91, Colborne, Ont. The Worshipful Master and officers very kindly arranged an emergent meeting for my visit on Monday, March the

28th, when they exemplified the second degree and the work of this degree was well done and I must mention in particular the Senior Wardens lecture by Bro. E. Broomfield it was letter perfect and the work of the Senior Deacon was also good as well as all the other officers. Here we find oil paintings of all three degree lectures, the work having been done some years ago by Bro. Rev. Dowling. Colborne Lodge is in a thriving condition and with the unceasing efforts of their secretary, W. Bro. J. Gordon it is sure to go ahead.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby, Ont. It was my privilege to pay my official visit to Composite Lodge No. 30 Whitby, Ont., on Friday, May the 6th, accompanied by some of the brethren from Port Hope. Composite Lodge have just recently moved into their new Masonic Hall where they have all the up-to-date requirements of a Masonic room, particularly their lighting which is a new achievement.

The W. Master and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner; the Junior Warden being particularly noticeable with the lecture, and with the never failing assistance of their Secretary, Composite Lodge should be heard from in the future.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 38, Brooklin, Ont. Tuesday, May 10th, accompanied by several of the Port Hope brethren I visited Mount Zion Lodge, at Brooklin, Ont.

The Worshipful Master and his officers, though handicapped by not having many candidates to work on since the beginning of the year, exemplified the first degree in a most pleasing manner, the Junior Warden having the lecture in perfect order, while the Past Masters and officers assisted in good style.

The Secretary, W. Bro. Thos. Price, has all books and accounts in good form and the lodge is general in good standing.

Cedar Lodge No. 270, Oshawa, Ont. Tuesday, evening, May the 28th, I paid my last official visit in

Ontario District, to this lodge, and, accompanied by visiting brethren from Port Hope and other lodges, we once more witnessed the exemplification of the first degree. The work of the Worshipful Master and his officers on this occasion could hardly be improved on, and left little for me to say. Cedar Lodge is to be complimented on the proficiency of their work.

At the banquet hall we were treated to a lantern slide lecture relating to King Solomon's temple and the general outline of conditions which were in existence in those days. The Secretary, W. Bro. M. L. Argall is a most efficient one, and the lodge in general is in a prosperous condition.

Masonry in Ontario District is of a very high standard, the work being so well done that I had very little to criticize; in fact it was more praise. What little I had to say in reference to the work, I am sure, was received in the same Masonic spirit in which it was given.

I beg leave in conclusion to thank the brethren throughout the district for the many friendships I have formed, in endeavoring to fill my position as D.D.G.M. and their many kindnesses to me shall never be forgotten.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. BROWN,

D.D.G.M Ontario District'.

P.S.—A Monster Masonic Picnic is to be held at Presqu'ile Point, south of Brighton, Ont.; on Wednesday, July the 6th. This picnic is composed of the masons, their families and friends of Ontario, Peterboro and Prince Edward Districts, but, owing to the request of Grand Lodge that all copy be in previous to July the 1st, we are unable to give any account of same.—F.H.B

OTTAWA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District for the year 1926-27.

My first word however, should be one expressive of my high appreciation of the great honour conferred on me by my brethren in electing me to this high and responsible office—that of being your representative in this extensive district, for the past year. It is indeed a great honour to be selected for such an office by those with whom one has had years of close association. I thank them most sincerely for their kindness and confidence.

I desire also to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the loyalty shown by and the great assistance received from Past District Deputy Grand Masters and other Past Grand Lodge Officers; the Worshipful Masters of the term, whose names are mentioned in reference to visits to the various lodges, the very large number of Past Masters and brethren generally who supported me greatly by attending meetings and in other ways. I wish especially to acknowledge the great kindnesses shown to myself and those who accompanied me on visits to the most distant places, when we were so hospitably entertained in the home of the W. Master or other members of the lodge. I shall never forget the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my term of office. I owe much to my immediate predecessor, R.W. Bro. James Reeves, M. D., who attended many of my meetings—often travelling long distances to do so.

My first official act was to issue a circular letter to the various lodges giving a few general instructions and announcing the appointment of Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. W. Woodside of Doric Lodge, Ottawa, as District Chaplain; also my own election.

There are twenty-seven lodges in this district. I visited twenty-six of them and witnessed the conferring of a degree in each. I was unable, owing to illness, to keep my appointment to visit Goodwood Lodge No. 159 at Richmond, but the duties were much better done by R.W. Bros. E. S. Macphail and E. J. McCleery, who attended the meeting at my request. I visited Goodwood Lodge later however, on the occasion of the brethren attending Divine Service.

The work of conferring degrees in the various lodges of the district was maintained at high standard of efficiency and when any suggestion was given where an improvement might be made, same was most kindly received and the officers exhibited an anxiety to receive any suggestions along that line. This uniform high standard of excellence is largely due to the untiring energy and capable instruction of R.W. Bro. E. J. McCleery who was the Grand Master's representative in the Ottawa District in 1924-25. R.W. Bro. McCleery is an expert on Masonic procedure and a specialist on floor work and there is abundant evidence of the excellent work done by him in the Lodge of Instruction held in the western portion of the district, and the classes held at Ottawa, as well as instructions given on official visits. The splendid "set up" R.W. Bro. McCleery gave to the Lodges during his term has been of immense benefit and rendered my work of inspection very much lighter. The officers throughout gave every indication that they are taking Masonry and the work of their respective offices seriously, and it is quite evident that much time and study is being put on the various charges and lectures by those whose duty it is to deliver them. I have endeavoured to emphasize these features and urged the members to attend their lodges and stand ready to serve in any capacity that might offer.

On looking over the Tyler's Registers of the different lodges I find the meetings are very well attended. At certain seasons, owing to weather conditions and bad roads, some meetings, in places where many of the members live a considerable distance in the country, were poorly attended but when conditions are favorable, in general the attendance is encouraging, and it is a tribute

to the spirit of loyalty which exists in the order, that so many brethren, who do not hold office, attend the meetings. They take an interest in the business of their lodges and listen attentively to conferring of degrees with which they are already quite familiar. The social side of Masonry has developed considerably during the past few years; light refreshments and a little entertainment after meetings seems to bring the brethren close together in an informal way.

The utmost harmony prevails in the district. I do not know of any discord in or between any of the lodges. There is always the possibility of some feeling locally owing to the rejection of an applicant for membership. We will always have that with us, but in general a wonderful spirit of friendliness exists and interviews are frequent, being rendered much easier in later years owing to convenient transportation.

Following the great influx of new members for a few years during and immediately after the Great War, there was a considerable falling off in the number of applications for membership and many lodges experienced some "lean years". However conditions in that respect are gradually righting themselves and in a general way lodges are enjoying moderate prosperity. From what I have observed I am persuaded that an exceedingly desirable class of young men are seeking membership in our great fraternity, and I find that in addition to a thorough investigation into the character of applicants, many lodges are looking carefully into their financial standing, with a view of ascertaining that each applicant is in a position to afford to take up and maintain membership. I have encouraged this latter feature pointing out that it is not quite fair to the order to take in a member, be he ever so worthy as to character, if on the slightest reverse financially, he immediately becomes a charge on the institution.

The business of the various lodges is conducted in a proper manner. In one or two instances I found that the officers were not as well informed on the provisions of the constitution and by-laws as they should be. In every lodge I called the attention to this; also to the

changes in the book of Constitution and urged the necessity of becoming familiar with them, especially those whose duty it is to administer the affairs of the lodge. The books of the secretaries show a careful and faithful record of the proceedings and I am assured that dues are not allowed to remain unpaid longer than the period provided in the by-laws without definite action being taken. I have not selected any secretaries for special mention, for when one finds such uniform good work, it would not be fair to discriminate. In many of the lodges the secretaries and treasurers are Past Masters. A faithful and capable secretary is a great asset to his lodge and the value of his services should be properly appreciated. Most of the auditor's reports for the past year show substantial gains, while a few of the lodges remained much in the same condition as in the former year as regards finances and statistics.

Taken on the whole the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District is in a highly satisfactory state. The right kind of enthusiasm prevails and a spirit of loyal affection to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is everywhere evident.

An elaborate banquet followed each lodge meeting at which entertainment of a high order was provided.

In addition to officially visiting the lodges of the district I attended many other meetings of a special nature.

On October 12th, on the invitation of W. Bro. F. G. Smith the W.M., I attended Civil Service Lodge No. 148, and before a very large gathering formally announced that W. Bro. H. W. Lothrop had been honored by an appointment to a Grand Lodge office, that of Grand Superintendent of Works, and heartily congratulated the V.W. Brother and his lodge on same. I also had the pleasure of presenting V.W. Bro. Lothrop with the full regalia of the office—a gift from his brethren.

May 20th, was the date of a very largely attended reception and banquet to the Most Worshipful Grand Master at Cornwall, by the brethren of the Eastern Dis-

trict. Excellent arrangements were made and carried out in a perfect manner, under the capable direction of the D.D.G.M. for that district, R.W. Bro. Glenn A. Shaver, who honoured me with an invitation. I had the pleasure of R.W. Bro. E. S. Macphail's company to Cornwall on that occasion. A capable quartette from the Ottawa Temple Choir furnished excellent music. R.W. Bro. Shaver is to be congratulated on the success of this splendid meeting.

The opening of a new hall by King Solomon Lodge at Aylmer, Que., and some special meetings of Eddy Lodge Hull Que., were among the other out-of-town engagements. In addition I was pleased to assist at several installations.

I cannot conclude without making reference to the number of lodges that have in the past few years shown considerable improvement in the music, in the opening and closing exercises, also in the conferring of degrees and other ceremonies. A great impetus was given to this very desirable feature of lodge work by the organization, about four years ago, of the Ottawa Temple Choir, composed of about seventy Masons, under the capable direction of Bro. C. J. L. Rickwood. The choir has rendered a service of inestimable value. On many special occasions lodge choirs have been augmented by members from the big singing organization, or if desired a well balanced contingent from the Temple Choir took full charge. Nor have their services been confined to Ottawa, some outside lodges have been greatly assisted. Outstanding features of the choir are, the loyalty of the members to their organization, their willingness to serve and the excellence of their singing. Much of the success of this truly wonderful choir is due to the untiring energy of the efficient business manager, Bro. Fred James.

Official Visits

My first official visit was on October 4th to Enterprise Lodge No. 516, Beachburg. There was a large attendance including many brethren from lodges in neighboring towns and villages. The first degree was conferred on a candidate and was very well done by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. John Cowie, and his officers.

The lodge's finances are in a satisfactory condition. I am pleased to learn from brethren of Enterprise Lodge that they are negotiating for new quarters which will be much more commodious and convenient.

St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, was visited on October 8th. There was a large attendance, including brethren from Ottawa, Almonte, Smiths Falls and other places. W. Bro. F. C. McDiarmid and his officers exemplified the first degree in a manner well nigh perfect. The music was a very pleasing feature of the ceremony. The finances of St. John's Lodge are in a highly satisfactory condition. The lodge has splendid quarters including an excellent club room, in a block which is owned by the lodge.

I visited Chaudiere Lodge No. 264, Ottawa on October 26th. W. Bro. S. R. Banning, W.M. There was a very large attendance. The first degree was conferred in a highly efficient manner. Excellent and appropriate music was furnished by the lodge choir. This lodge suffered a severe loss early in the fall in the death of Bro. John Huckell, who was treasurer for about thirty years. He fulfilled his duties faithfully and well. Bro. the Rev. G. A. McDonald delivered an eloquent and inspiring address.

Accompanied by a large delegation from Ottawa, I visited Renfrew Lodge No. 122, Renfrew, on November 1st. There was splendid attendance, many from neighboring lodges being present. The lodge room is beautifully decorated and splendidly equipped. The third degree was conferred and from the manner in which the W. Master, W. Bro. C. K. Loken and the officers performed their duties in opening and closing the lodge in the various degrees as well as the work conferring this beautiful Master Mason's degree, was abundant proof that much time and very careful study has been given by the various officers, to the duties of their respective offices. This lodge is in excellent condition, financially and otherwise.

Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 was visited on November 16th, when W. Bro. R. J. Elliott, ably assisted by his

officers conferred the first degree, in the presence of a "capacity house". The work was excellently done. The music rendered by the lodge choir contributed in no small measure to the impressiveness of the ceremony. I had the pleasure of presenting W. Bro. H. F. Bode, I.P.M., with a past Master's jewel, a gift from the lodge in recognition of faithful and capable services. We missed R.W. Bro. S. S. Davidson from this meeting. He was prevented from attending owing to ill health.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 560, W. Bro. Alex K. Stewart, W.M., was inspected on December 2nd. This is one of the five new lodges instituted in Ottawa since 1919, and has made good progress. The meeting was well attended. The first degree was conferred. The work was well done and showed careful study and preparation on the part of the officers. There was also good music.

I visited the Builder's Lodge No. 177 on December 10th. There was a very large attendance. The work for the evening was a first degree, and was rendered in a highly satisfactory manner by W. Bro. A. C. Brown and the other officers of the lodge. The music by the choir added much to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The lodge provided a beautiful past master's jewel which I was pleased to present to the I.P.M. W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie, M.D. in recognition of valuable services to his lodge. R.W. Bro. D. A. Esdale, P.G.S.W., also received special recognition for conspicuous services. On behalf of the lodge R.W. Bro. J. H. Putman presented R.W. Bro. Esdale with the full regalia of his office. Both brethren acknowledged the gifts in appropriate and appreciative terms.

At this meeting we were specially honored by the presence of R.W. Bro. the Rev. A. L. Burch, Grand Chaplain. R.W. Bro. Burch spoke briefly in the lodge room and delivered a most instructive and interesting address in the banquet room.

Defenders Lodge No. 590, W. Bro. G. F. Armstrong, W.M., This lodge was visited February 2nd when the first degree was conferred with dignity and precision.

The work was of a high order. The choir rendered appropriate music exceedingly well. This is one of the younger lodges and is doing good work. The late R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks was an honorary member. Each year this lodge celebrates Armistice Day in a most fitting manner.

Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte, was visited on February 4th. No candidate being available the first degree was exemplified on a substitute candidate. The work was excellent. It was quite evident that the W. Master, W. Bro. John Girard, and the officers had given careful attention to the preparation of their portions of the ceremony.

Special mention might be made of the presence of W. Bro Andrew Dunlop, whose fiftieth anniversary as a member of the lodge was celebrated at the regular meeting following my visit, when congratulatory addresses were delivered and a presentation made. W. Bro. Dunlop takes a lively interest in Masonic affairs.

I inspected Civil Service Lodge No. 148 on February 8th. The meeting was largely attended. W. Bro. Percy D. Wilson, W. Master; Work third degree, exceedingly well done with impressive musical ritual, under the direction of W. Bro. John W. Bearder, the lodge organist, who composed some of the music used in the ceremony. The ease and grace with which the officers performed their duties in the opening and closing exercises of the several degrees, as well as in the conferring of the degree showed very careful preparation. This lodge suffered a great loss in the death of R. W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, who passed away suddenly on October 13th. In his passing the Masonic Order lost a wise and sagacious leader; the country one who had made a valuable contribution towards its development; his friends a rare and charming companion and the community one of the finest types of Christian citizen. R.W. Bro. Shanks is much missed in Ottawa. More extended reference will be found in the report on "Fraternal Dead".

Prince of Wales Lodge No. 371—Visited February 25th, W. Bro. Chas. R. Hickman, W.M. The first

degree was conferred. The work was highly satisfactory. There was also good music. At this meeting I was pleased, at the request of the Wor. Master, to present a Pastmaster's Jewel to W. Bro. H. J. Sykes, I.P.M., who has rendered a great service to his lodge.

We regretted the absence, owing to illness, of R.W. Bro. Wm. Northwood. He is looked upon as the "Father of the Lodge", and though advanced in years performs the Installation Ceremony annually in a perfect manner.

On March 3rd, Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke, was visited—W. Bro. W. M. Smyth, W.M. The meeting was well attended, several lodges from other places being represented. The third degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. The officers know their work and are right at home in the performance of their duties. The lodge has a splendid choir and excellent music added impressiveness to the beautiful ceremony.

R.W. Bro. Dr. Josephs presided at the bountiful banquet which followed.

I visited Cobden Lodge No. 459, Cobden on March 8th. W.Bro. John Eckford, W.M. This lodge is located in a small village of the same name, surrounded by an excellent and prosperous farming country. The breaking up of the roads interfered somewhat with the attendance, yet the lodge room was well filled, and those present witnessed the work of the first degree exceedingly well done. The lodge is well "officered" and its affairs are in a very satisfactory condition.

Madawaska Lodge No. 196, Arnprior, was inspected March 14th. There was a splendid attendance. Here I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the second degree. The work of W. Bro. G. S. Moir, the W.M., and the other officers, was highly satisfactory. The candidate was well prepared. Many of the junior officers give promise of capable service as they are advanced. R.W. Bro. Thos. Church presided at the banquet which followed. When several excellent addresses were delivered by the resident members.

On March 17th I visited my mother lodge, Doric No. 58, Ottawa. I am so well informed as to the affairs generally of this lodge and the consistent good work in the ceremony of conferring degrees that an "official inspection" was scarcely necessary. The work was the first degree, and was conferred in a capable manner by W. Bro. Gardiner Conley, ably assisted by the other officers. The lodge choir rendered excellent and appropriate music, which lent much to the beauty of the ceremony. Following the meeting the brethren listened with rapt attention to an inspiring address by Rev. Robert George.

On April 21st the Worshipful Masters of Ottawa and Westboro, for my term, visited Doric Lodge and conferred the second degree. The work was excellent. After the work an exceedingly kind and well worded address was read to me, followed by the presentation of a very large and cleverly designed group portrait of the Masters of the term, centered by a likeness of myself. A beautiful basket of roses was sent to Mrs. Ross. The recipient expressed his best thanks to the brethren for the gifts and his high appreciation of the great kindness shown him.

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge No. 558—W. Bro. H. J. Hardy, W.M. Being a charter member of this lodge the remarks made in reference to Doric Lodge, as to the consistent good work apply to Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, also. My official visit was on March 23rd, when the first degree was conferred, and a high degree of excellence maintained throughout the ceremony. The lodge has many exceedingly good singers and the music at this meeting was very fine indeed. I was pleased to present a pastmaster's jewel to W. Bro. R. M. Stanton, from the lodge in acknowledgment of efficient service while in office. Up to 1919, a period of 40 years had elapsed since a new lodge was instituted in Ottawa. In that year the "ice was broken", by the formation of this lodge and the name was chosen to perpetuate the memory of the late M.W. Bro. Sidney Albert Luke. W. Bro. H. F. Hardy, gave a most appropriate address on "Naming a Lodge."

Ashlar Lodge No. 564 was visited on April 1st when W. Bro. W. J. Webber and his officers worked a first degree in a manner that left little to be desired. The hearty singing of the splendid Masonic odes was a feature of the ceremony. This lodge is less than eight years old, but was wisely directed in its early days by capable Past Masters who joined as Charter members, and its affairs are in good condition. The chairs are filled by capable young men. The splendid service of W. Bro. W. D. Taylor, I.P.M., was acknowledged by the presentation to him of a past master's jewel.

Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, W. Bro. A. L. Boswell, W.M. This fine old lodge, now in its eightieth year, has made a great contribution to Masonry in this city, district and province. Many of its members who have passed on rendered conspicuous service and this service is being carried on by faithful and capable past Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters of the lodge. I visited Dalhousie Lodge on April 5th, and found the high standard set many years ago, well maintained in the conferring of a first degree. Appropriate music was rendered. The large gathering joined in singing the odes to grand old familiar tunes, and made a splendid impression on the candidate. I had much pleasure in presenting for the lodge, a beautiful jewel to the I.P.M., W. Bro. F. A. McDiarmid who rendered outstanding service during his progress to and in the Master Chair. Bro. the Rev. Dr. J. W. Woodside gave a timely and helpful address on "Better Canadianism."

Ionic Lodge No. 526, Westboro, W. Bro. J. M. Richmond, W.M. Visited April 13th. The meeting was well attended. The first degree was conferred and the work was very well done indeed. I presented W. Bro. A. J. Mason with a Past Master's jewel, from the lodge. W. Bro. Mason has rendered excellent service to his lodge. The Masons of Westboro own their own temple. The accommodation is excellent and the building through is splendidly equipped.

I visited Acacia Lodge No. 561, Westboro, on April 22nd. W. Bro. P. M. Hasty, W. Master. The work was the first degree and was very well done. This lodge has

on its membership roll several Past Grand Masters and other Past Grand Lodge Officers as honorary members. Acacia Lodge shares with Ionic Lodge the comfortable and commodious quarters in the Temple at Westboro Bro. the Rev. J. E. Lindsay delivered an entertaining address at the banquet which followed the meeting.

Rideau Lodge No. 595, Ottawa, W. Bro. John P. Melvin, W.M., was visited on April 28th. Splendid attendance. The first degree was conferred and the work was excellent. Appropriate music was well rendered during the ceremony. W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Robt. Jefferson was presented with a Past Master's certificate and W. Bro. Jas. McConnell, I.P.M. received a similar certificate, also a P.M.'s jewel. This is the youngest lodge in the district and is doing well. Bro. the Rev. T. J. Thompson addressed the brethren and gave many helpful suggestions.

My visit to Goodwood Lodge No. 159, Richmond was scheduled for May 10th. I was unable to attend owing to illness. The meeting was held as arranged and the inspection was done by R.W. Bros. E. S. Macphail and E. J. McCleery. The W. Master, W. Bro. D. A. Brownlee was disappointed in the candidate he expected, but the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in such a manner as to show that the officers are familiar with their work. Instruction was given on a few minor points. The R.W. brethren reported to me that the meeting was largely attended and an excellent spirit prevailed. Goodwood Lodge owns the temple at Richmond and the quarters are commodious and well equipped.

Carleton Lodge No. 465, Carp, was visited on May 13th. The attendance was so large that some were unable to gain admittance to the lodge room. W. Bro. Benson Avery, W.M. grand his officers conferred a second degree on a well prepared candidate. A sincere effort was made to render an impressive ceremony but the work was not quite up to the standard. I am certain that better work can be done, and am confident of improvement.

This lodge has in its possession the furniture, including the register, minute book, V. of the S.L. and organ used in a lodge organized in France during the great war, whose membership included brethren of the British army from every part of the Empire.

I visited Russell Lodge No. 479 Russell, on May 16th. W. Bro. J. E. Stonness, W.M. There was a splendid attendance. The second degree was conferred on an exceedingly capable candidate. The work was well done. This lodge owns its own Temple and has good accommodation.

Bro. the Rev. W. B. Morgan, who has been secretary of the lodge for some years, and performed the duties in a highly efficient manner has been removed from Russell to a parish just outside of Ottawa. The members of the lodge and citizens generally regret his departure from their midst very much indeed, I had the pleasure of presenting him with a parting gift from his brethren.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower, W. Bro. F. H. Graham, W.M., visited on June 10th. The meeting was well attended. Owing to an accident early in the evening at the home of the candidate on whom it was intended to confer the first degree, he was unable to attend. This degree was however, exemplified on a substitute candidate and the work was well done.

This lodge has suffered a severe loss in the recent removal, by death, of W. Bro. J. H. Cryderman. W. Bro. Cryderman was councillor, guide and friend to a great many officers who have passed through the chairs of the lodge in his time, and to the membership generally. He was much loved by his brethren, and rendered a great service to Masonry in that community. W. Bro. Cryderman was secretary of the lodge for many years.

On June 13th I visited Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville, when W. Bro. J. M. Joynt and his officers conferred the second degree on an excellently prepared candidate. The work of opening and closing, also the

degree work was done in a faultless manner. Eaganville is a live Masonic centre and an excellent spirit of harmony prevails amongst the brethren.

The last lodge of the twenty-seven in this district was visited on June 15th, Hazeldean No. 517. This lodge is situated in a prosperous farming community.

The Wor. Master, W. Bro. J. H. Nesbitt and his officers conferred the first degree in a highly satisfactory manner. Some instructions were given on the floor work, and other points briefly discussed. The lodge owns the hall in which it meets and same is well equipped. R.W. Bro. the Hon. R. H. Grant, one of the chief movers in the formation of this lodge, was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a letter expressing his regret and extending good wishes.

My term will close very soon. I have enjoyed the work. The experience has been valuable indeed. The office so gracefully bestowed on me will pass to another and I am sure my successor will have, as I have had, a full measure of kind consideration, loyal support and brotherly love, all of which contributes so much to make the duties both easy and pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. ROSS,
D.D.G.M. Ottawa District.

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Peterborough District for year ending June 24th, 1927. I wish first to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor which the brethren of the district conferred upon me as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, particularly so because while Percy Lodge No. 161 has been in existence for more than sixty years, yet this is the first time in its history that it has had the honor of having one of its members elected to this high office. The Past Masters' Association of Peterborough District is, I have every reason to believe, one of the best organizations of its kind in the Province and it is through these associations that the rural lodges may participate in the honors of Grand Lodge.

The kindness, courtesy and hospitality, that I received from the brethren throughout the district made the work a pleasant and agreeable task. I have endeavored to discharge the duties involved, to the best of my ability and to prove worthy of the honor and dignity becoming the office, and I can only hope that your trust in me has not been undeservedly bestowed.

My first official act was to appoint Worshipful Bro, Doctor Allen as district secretary, to whom I am very grateful for the service he rendered during my tenure of office. He accompanied me on about all my visits and was especially strong on the after dinner speeches. I also appointed Bro. Rev. J. F. Everson as District Chaplain, a very worthy brother and an outstanding Mason.

A special event in connection with my work took place in the village of Hastings when this new lodge was dedicated and consecrated on Sept. 15th, 1927. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, John A. Rowland.

Bro. Dargavel, also the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. J. Attig, were present as well as many P.D.D.G.M's, and other notable Masons from all over the district. The evening's proceedings were of the highest order and every brother was deeply impressed with the way the services were rendered by The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

Official Visits

On October 5th, 1926, I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to Golden Rule Lodge at Campbellford. The reception tendered me on this occasion by W. Bro. Free, the officers and members of the lodge, forcibly impressed upon me the honor that is accorded the representative of the Grand Master by Golden Rule Lodge. The E.A. degree was so exemplified by the master, past masters and officers of the lodge, that there could be no adverse criticism attempted.

On March 14th, 1927, Norwood Lodge was visited and I was very heartily received by W. Bro. Brooks, the officers and members. The work of the F. C. degree was very ably demonstrated by the Master and his officers, assisted by past masters of the lodge. A great deal of credit is due the junior officers for the efficient manner in which the degree was exemplified.

On March 18th, 1927, accompanied by a number of the members of Percy Lodge, I paid an official visit to Hastings Lodge and found the same enthusiasm that has characterized the lodge since its inception. The M.M. degree was very ably conferred by W. Bro. Johnston and his officers. I feel sure that the degree of enthusiasm which has raised the lodge to such a high position in such a short time will cause it to grow and prosper in the future and that it will be a power for good in the community.

On March 21st, I visited Havelock Lodge and was very ably presented by R.W. Bro. Lancaster, my predecessor in office. I was most heartily and cordially received by W. Bro. Rose, his officers and the members of the lodge. The M.M. Degree was very forcibly exemplified by W. Bro. Rose and his officers assisted by

past masters of the lodge. The lodge is fortunate in having the ever-ready assistance of such skilled workers as R.W. Bro. T. P. Lancaster.

On April 1st I had the honor of paying my official visit to Peterobro lodge where I was very cordially received by W. Bro. Cotton, the officers and members. The M.M. degree was so exemplified that only favorable criticism could be offered and it is a real pleasure to see the work so ably presented.

On April 6th, I visited my Mother Lodge, Percy No. 161, at Warkworth. This visit was unique in that it was the first occasion when a member of the lodge was received as D.D.G.M. The lodge has been in existence for well over sixty years and brethren from Hastings, Campbellford, Brighton and other sister lodges joined the brethren of Percy Lodge in commemorating the event. The E.A. degree was very pleasingly exemplified by W. Bro. Mallory and his officers with the assistance of Past Masters. I was pleased to note that Percy Lodge has made wonderful progress in Masonry during the past year, both in numbers and material and that the brethren have decided to obtain new and larger quarters in order that they may be better equipped to spread the teachings of Masonry throughout the community.

On April 14th I visited Keene Lodge and was very cordially received by W. Bro. Walsh, his officers and members of the lodge. The M.M. degree was very ably conferred by the Master and his officers, assisted by V.W. Bro. McCamus and other Past Masters.

On May 2nd, I visited Royal Arthur Lodge, Peterboro, in my official capacity and was very cordially welcomed by W. Bro. Henry, his officers and members of the lodge. The M.M. degree was very efficiently exemplified by the master and his officers with the able assistance of Past Masters of the lodge.

On May 3rd, I had the pleasure of visiting Clement Lodge, Lakefield and was highly elated by the cordial reception accorded me. The F.C. degree was very pleasingly exemplified by W. Bro. Anderson, his officers

and Past Masters of the lodge. The greater part of the success of the visit is no doubt due to the efforts of W. Bro. Smith, Chairman of Peterboro District Past Master Association and of Bro. Rev. S. A. Kemp.

On May 12th I officially visited Millbrook Lodge and was highly pleased with the reception tendered me by W. Bro. Fallis and the members of the lodge. The E.A. degree was very efficiently conferred by W. Bro. Fallis and his officers assisted by Past Master of the lodge.

On May 20th, my last official visit was made when I was very cordially received by the Master, Officers and members of Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro. The M. M. degree was very beautifully exemplified by the W. Master and his officers assisted by Past Masters and D.D.P. Masters of the lodge. The musical ritual was one of the most pleasing and impressive parts of a very impressive ceremony.

I am pleased to report that each lodge throughout the district appears to be working harmoniously for the welfare of its members and the uplift of the community, so that those worthy men who are looking for the best in fraternal friendship will seek admission to our order.

The secretaries of the various lodges are doing the work in a very efficient manner and in every instance seems to be laboring for the welfare of the lodges and the Order. The attendance at the meetings would perhaps be increased if those non-attending members could be made to realize the many good things they are missing in not attending the meetings regularly.

I am pleased to note the success of fraternal visits between lodges in the district and can only hope that these visits will become more frequent in the future as this will no doubt do more to create uniformity in the district than any other method. In conclusion I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of my mother lodge who accompanied me on all my visitations, making what might have been an arduous task, a joy and a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

B. BUCHANAN,
D.D.G.M. Peterborough District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report of the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District. I wish to take this occasion of expressing my appreciation of the honor the brethren of Prince Edward District conferred on me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and also the loyal support and cordial receptions accorded me at all times by the lodges and brethren throughout the district. Shortly after taking office I appointed W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Bowlby, Past Master of Tweed Lodge No. 239, District Secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Foster, of Madoc Lodge No. 48, District Chaplain. I wish to thank these two brethren for the support given me during my term of office. I also wish to thank the brothers of the three Belleville lodges for their loyal support on all occasions. The night was never too dark or the road too long and bad for R.W. Barlow, his car and a number of other brothers from the lodges in the city.

My first official duty was to make arrangements for the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Trenton, Aug. 19th. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary being present, the day fine, we had a great crowd.

During my term of office and especially when on my official visits I have endeavored to correct any errors and irregularities and to impress on the Craft the necessity of uniformity of work. I have endeavored to instruct the various lodges along the lines laid down by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. I feel all the lodges in the district have competent officers and the work well done. The prospects of Masonry in the district are good, the spirit of brotherhood is fine, and several fraternal visits have been made by the lodges.

An outstanding event took place on May 10th in the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Trenton. The presence of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary always brings out a great crowd in Prince Edward District. We are looking forward to another important event, a basket picnic for the three districts of Ontario, Peterboro and Prince Edward District, to which every Mason in the three districts with their families and entire household and their friends are invited. Everything free—a real get together picnic. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary have given their consent to be present at Presqu'Isle Point on July 6th.

Official Visits

Aug. 1. Attended Divine Service with the brethren of Franck Lodge No. 217.

Aug. 19. Laying of the corner stone at Trenton.

Aug. 26. Friendly visit to Stirling Lodge No. 69.

Sept. 12. Attended divine service with the brethren of Marmora Lodge No. 222 at Marmora.

Oct 15. Officially visited my home lodge at Tweed. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Emerson and his staff and was done in a pleasing manner. This was eventful, for the first time in the history of Tweed Lodge No. 239 they had the pleasure of welcoming one of their members as the representative of our Grand Master in Prince Edward District. I was supported on this occasion by R.W. Bro. Herrington of Napanee and R.W. Bro. Potts of Stirling and Bro. W. E. Tummon of Madoc.

Oct. 18th. I had the pleasure of visiting Franck Lodge No. 127 Frankford. Owing to illness in the family the Master was unable to be present. The Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. C. F. Wessels with the support of the officers conferred the first degree in an able manner sufficient to prove they were masters of their respective stations. There was every evidence of prosperity and a few hours were spent in short addresses.

Nov. 11th. Visited Prince Edward Lodge No. 18, Picton. The brethren of Picton have to be congratu-

lated on their beautiful and commodious lodge room. Needless to say, they are well skilled and conferred the first degree with musical ritual. Their welfare is carefully looked after by their worthy secretary, W. Bro. J. H. Colden. He is always present and attentive to his duties as secretary—one of the important officers of the lodge.

Nov. 25th. Visited Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville. Needless to say this lodge is under safe guidance. The Belleville lodges are uniform in their work and have it letter perfect. They put on the first degree with musical ritual and it was surely a pleasure to visit this lodge. Most Wor. Bro. Ponton present at the lodge meeting and in the banquet hall; it was surely an evening of pleasure and profit to all present.

Nov. 26th. Visited Stirling Lodge No. 69 officially. The work of the evening was carried on well. A third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Rollins and his officers assisted by three Past Masters who proved themselves efficient in the work. It is pleasing to see Past Masters take an active part and especially when so well skilled. This lodge is in a prosperous condition financially and their records are very neatly and carefully kept.

Dec. 13th. Officially visited Lake Lodge, No. 215, Roblins Mills. A third degree was exemplified in a splendid manner. This lodge is situated in a prosperous community and the lodge appears in the same condition. Although the weather and roads were unfavorable we had a large attendance and a number of visitors from Belleville and Prince Edward County.

Feb. 1st. Visited United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton. Owing to the icy condition of the roads we had not many visitors from a distance but Ontario District was well represented. They have a very fine lodge room, being one of the oldest lodges in the district. The work and the uniformity was excellent.

Feb. 2nd. Visited Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville. This was a real pleasure. A first degree worked so satisfactorily that there was no suggestion to offer and their

worthy Secretary W. Bro. Dulmage has everything in excellent shape and has the facility of getting all the dues in good time. The attendance was large and a pleasant evening spent by all present.

Feb. 11. Visited Consecon Lodge No. 50, Consecon. A third degree worked and I had very few suggestions to make. This is a prosperous lodge and seems to be running along smoothly. We had a good attendance of local brethren as well as a number of visitors.

Feb. 15. Visited Star in the East, 164, Wellington. A first degree worked by W. Bro. McCartney and his officers proved very satisfactory. Bro. Barlow and son, McRudden and Herrity were present and took part in the program in the banquet hall. This being the home of R.W. Bro. Fitzgerald and the lodgeroom next door, it is needless to say they are well skilled in the work under his guardianship. His name is always on the register.

March 1st. Visited Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto. A first degree worked and satisfactorily done by W. Bro. Malley and his staff of officers. We had a good attendance and their lodge seems to be in a prosperous condition. They are situated to the extreme south east of our district and although I visited them on two occasions they do not have many visitors from our own district but a good number from Frontenac District and especially from Union Lodge, No. 9. Napanee.

March 3rd. Visited Belleville Lodge No. 123, Belleville. Again enjoyed an evening of seeing work done in uniformity and enjoyed that spirit of goodfellowship and brotherhood so prominent in the three city lodges.

April 12th. Trent Lodge No. 38, Trenton. I was to make my official visit May 10th, when the new Temple was dedicated by the Most Wor. the Grand Master but in order to not impose on his valuable time I took advantage of this opportunity to see a first degree worked by W. Bro. Sprontall and his staff, also to examine the secretary's books. All of which I found in keeping with the most

beautiful and magnificent temple which they erected this year. The brethren of Trent lodge are to be congratulated on their undertaking and the spirit demonstrated in undertaking this task. It is the climax of work of love and sacrifice. They have a just reason to be proud of their labors.

May 10th. Attended the Dedication at Trenton.

May 16th. Officially visited Marmora Lodge No. 222, Marmora. A first degree with musical ritual work by W. Bro. Yates. It was pleasing to see the manner in which it was done. There was a good attendance and a number of visitors including Bridgadier General Ross of Kingston, who gave the address of the evening in the banquet hall. This lodge is in very convenient and comfortable quarters and to all appearance in a real prosperous condition—competent officers—well attended meetings, which is evidence of prosperity.

May 18th. Visited Bancroft lodge No. 482, Bancroft and saw a first degree worked. This lodge is in a splendid financial condition, own their hall and have it well equipped. W. Bro. Shaw proved himself capable of the management of the Craft. Being situated fifty miles from any other lodge over a winding road, part of which runs through sparsely settled district they seldom have a fraternal visit with other lodges. Being the youngest lodge in the district, they are to be congratulated on their achievement. They take great pleasure in giving their visitors a real good time.

June 14th. Brought my official visits to a close by visiting Madoc Lodge No. 48, Madoc. W. Bro. West and his officers did the work of the second degree in a splendid manner. Needless to say this lodge has had great advantages. Receiving their first warrant in 1854 when Sir Allen McNab was Provincial Grand Master and having continuous meetings for over 72 years. They enjoy a heritage left by their forefathers in a splendid lodge room and a large hall below that for years must have been a revenue producer, being the only hall for public functions until the building of the armories a few years ago. According to the history this hall was built by gratuitous work given by the members in those

days and only one of those brothers survive, Bro. Chas. O'Hara, who helped to build the hall is quite hale and hearty and walks down town every day for his mail. Only 65 years a member of Madoc Lodge.

W. Bro. West is to be congratulated on the revival of interest he has created in his lodge, has got out members and Past Masters whose names do not appear on the register for some years. And he was successful by asking them to take some part and to help with the work. If this was practised more there would not be so many blank lines on register at each meeting.

Now that my term of office is drawing to a close I bespeak for my successor, whoever he may be, the same loyal support that has been given to myself and that my imperfections whatever they may have been will be noted by him and the proper remedy applied.

In conclusion I desire to place on record my appreciation of the faithful work done by my predecessors in office, the help, afforded and the cordiality with which I have been received by the offices and members of the district and I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not speak of the willingness at all times shown by the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan to help and the

prompt replies to all communications from his office; also the same from M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Past Grand Master and our official authority on Ritualistic Work. Most Worshipful, Bro. John A. Rowland has been very kind indeed to Prince Edward District and has kindled for himself many warm friendships which cannot be easily forgotten.

Fraternally submitted,

F. E. BROWN,

D.D.G.M. Prince Edward District

SARNIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Herewith I submit to you my report on the condition
of Masonry, in Sarnia District for the year ending June
24th, 1927.

Let me first express my thanks to the brethren of
Sarnia District for electing me to this most important
office of D.D.G.M., an honor which I appreciate very
much. I also wish to thank those brethren, especially
from other lodges than my own, for their presence at
many of my meetings, and who always contributed so
much to the good of Free Masonry.

Looking over the reports of past district deputies,
and also reading the report of the Most Worshipful the
Grand Master, I have come to the conclusion that these
reports are very much too long and a great deal of space
is taken up by repeating the different visits to the various
lodges. I am therefore not going to deal with each lodge
visit individually, but rather the condition of masonry
throughout this splendid district.

I visited every lodge in the district, personally, and
many of them two and three times. I am attaching a
copy of my official visits, which I had mailed to every
lodge in the district. This I found to be a great help not
only to myself but to every member in the district, be-
cause they knew where I was going to be, and many of
them made it a point to be there. The degree work as
was exemplified throughout the district, was beyond my
expectations. One of the things which impressed me the
most, was how closely all the lodges kept to the landmarks
and customs of our order. With very few exceptions
these were carried out to the letter. I want to congratu-
late every lodge in Sarnia district, on the efficient way in
which they do their work.

During my visits to the twenty-one lodges in my district I have endeavored to find out the cause for non-attendance of the members to their various lodges, and the conclusions which I have arrived at, I feel, should be mentioned here.

(1) Masters should be well skilled not only in degree work but in conducting the business part of the meeting, and this part of the meeting should be done by the members on the side, not by the past masters in the east. Their work and the officers is degrees.

(2) The fraternal side of masonry should receive more attention. Visits to other lodges not only with their own district, but outside as well. I have noted that the lodges who do this in this district stand highest in their work.

(3) Masters should not try to do all the work themselves, but should use every past master possible. This will bring out more P.M's and also make it more interesting to the members present, as they will hear a variety in the work and make it more interesting.

(4) Candidates should be instructed not only in the necessary work of the degrees but everything possible, so that they will become more interested in the principles of masonry.

(5) The dignity of the lodge should be maintained at all times.

(6) The degrees should be conferred with all the earnestness possible so that the impressions, on the candidates' mind, may be lasting.

These are only a few things which I believe, if carried out, would add considerably to the work and also increase the attendance. The lodges throughout the district, who do these things have by far the best lodges and the attendance is remarkable. I cannot pass without mentioning the lodges of Sarnia and Petrolia. They of course have a splendid lodge room and equipment and

have an advantage over the smaller lodges. There are other lodges throughout the district of which mention should be made, but I am proud of every lodge in the district and I could not mention one without all the rest.

In closing let me again thank all those in the district who assisted me and helped to make my year one of the most pleasant I have ever spent in masonry. Let us all try to work with that aim in view, make it a little more pleasant for the other fellow, and when we have done that we have caught the true spirit of brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

W. A. CAMPBELL,

D.D.G.M. Sarnia District.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in South Huron District for this Masonic year.

I appreciate most highly the honour that has been conferred on me in electing me to represent the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, in this district.

I wish to thank the brethren of the district, for this honor and for their unfailing kindness, hospitality and untiring industry, in co-operating with me to keep high the splendid standing of masonry in this district. I appointed W. Bro. E. Denroche, my secretary for the district and extend to him my thanks for duty well performed and kind services rendered.

An event of much importance to the Fraternity of the District was a visit of the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, W. M. Logan, the Chairman of Benevolence, R. B. Dargavel and the Grand Junior Warden, A. Heron. The meeting was in charge of Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell and was a well attended and a highly successful affair in every way.

There was a formal reception, a banquet, and after the banquet inspiring addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. Rowland and the other Grand Lodge brethren. During the evening Most Worshipful Bro. Rowland was presented by J. A. Myers and N. J. Boyd on behalf of Tudor Lodge with a beautiful reading lamp, which was gracefully acknowledged. After this the members were given an opportunity of meeting the Grand Master.

Practically every lodge of the district was well represented at the meeting and the P.P.D.G.M.'s were present in goodly numbers. and each took some part

in helping to make the meeting the success it was. R.W. Br. Porterfield acted as master for the evening. I am sure that the district benefited greatly by this visit of M.W. Bro. Rowland, and that the delight of his good fellowship for even a brief sojourn among us added greatly to the joy and success of my official year.

Official Visits

My first official visit was paid to Stratford Lodge on Oct. 11th, accompanied by three car loads of brethren of Tudor Lodge. Many visitors were present from sister lodges. The meeting was opened punctually at 8 o'clock. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Herb Baker. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Cooper and a very capable staff of officers in a manner that merited only commendation. W. Bro. Denroche is the secretary and his books are well kept and the lodge is in excellent financial condition and is a live progressive lodge. The work of the J.W. was splendid.

My second visit was to Clinton Lodge on October 15th. I was accompanied by a goodly number of Tudor brethren and was introduced by R.W. Bro. Shaw, who served the office of D.D.G.M. many years ago and still takes a very active interest in his lodge and in Freemasonry generally.

The work of the third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Rozell and a very capable staff of officers in an almost perfect manner. The work was accurate, smart and dignified. W. Bro. Chant has charge of the books and is an ideal secretary. The lodge is growing and is financially sound.

On Nov. 15th, accompanied by a goodly number of Tudor brethren I inspected Zurich Lodge and was introduced by W. Bro. Dalrymple and very graciously welcomed by W. Bro. Glenn. The first degree was exemplified and was nicely put on. This was their first work since taking office in June. When the work was finished, at the request of W. Bro. Glenn, I presented, on behalf of the brethren, a Past Master's Apron to W. Bro. Dalrymple for his valued services to his lodge by having fre-

quently installed the officers, and assisted generally in the good and welfare of the lodge. W. Bro. Chapman gave the charge in fine style.

This was a large and enthusiastic meeting, many visitors from sister lodges were present. The high tone of the meeting will remain a pleasant memory.

Doric Lodge No. 233, I visited on Nov. 16, accompanied by W. Bros. N. J. Boyd and W. A. Stuart. We saw a candidate initiated and the work was very impressively performed by W. Bro. J. M. Hayes and his efficient staff. W. Bro. Young is a capable and painstaking secretary, very business-like and thorough, and the lodge is in splendid condition. The brethren are enthusiastic and interested in masonic lore.

A feature of the meeting which pleased me very much was to see a brother, Chaplain Williams, only three years a mason and a man, who has nearly reached the allotted span, put on the final charge to the candidate, in a manner I have rarely seen excelled.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, was inspected on March 18th. Several brethren of Tudor accompanied me and many visitors were present. W. Bro. Geo. L. Money introduced me to the W.M. and brethren.

W. Bro. Finlay Matheson, welcomed me in a very pleasing and gracious manner. This lodge use the musical ritual, and the ceremony of initiation was beautifully and impressively performed upon an exceptionally bright candidate. After the ceremony the lodge was raised to the third degree, when a brother recently raised, was examined in the work of this degree and he acquitted himself in a manner that reflects great credit upon the efficient work done by the officers of this lodge. W. Bro. Geo. L. Money gave the charge to the candidate in a manner I have never seen excelled.

St. Mary's Lodge No. 493.—inspected March 28th, Was introduced by W. Bro. H. Maxwell. The work of the first degree was put on by W. Bro. W. J. Mills, and

his officers in a very gratifying manner. They knew their lines and work with fine effect. Good fellowship is the keynote here. Many visitors were present some from Wilson district.

Britannia Lodge No. 170—Inspected April 4th. Accompanied by many of the Tudor brethren. Many visitors were present from sister lodges. This is the home of R.W. Bro. Aberhart, D.D.G.M., two years ago, and a close personal friend. It was a great pleasure to visit Britannia. The first degree was put on by W. Bro. Chamberlain and his officers and all did their work remarkably well, in a manner almost flawless. They are expert workmen, have done plenty of hard work, and their execution gives every evidence of it. R.W. Bro. Aberhart delivered the final charge in his usual effective manner. The books are well kept and the dues well looked after.

Milverton Lodge No. 478.—was inspected on April 11th. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Heinbach and his officers very nicely. A goodly number of visitors were present from the sister lodges. The secretary, W. Bro. Seigner, keeps his books in fine order and looks well after the interest of his lodge.

Elma Lodge No. 456—was officially visited April 14th. The work of the first degree was done in a satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Adair and his staff. The J.W. who has been but two years a mason, gave his lecture in splendid style. The tyler of this lodge, Bro. Terry, came in for special mention, a genial and kindly personality and a splendid approach to the lodge room.

Elma is an offspring of Tudor and it was therefore, a visit of special pleasure to me and a goodly number of visitors were present.

Tudor, No. 141—My Home Lodge visited April 19th. A well attended meeting, many visitors being present from sister lodges, which contributed much toward making the meeting a very pleasant one. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Fred Porterfield and V.W. Bro. L. Mortson and very cordially welcomed by W. Bro. W

Bennett, The work of the first degree was splendidly done. The J.W. Bro. L. Stuart, delivered his lecture in a manner hard to excel, V.W. Bro. L. Morton gave the charge in his usual pleasing and impressive style. This is the Mother Lodge of R.W. Bro. Porterfield and he is a tower of strength to Tudor Lodge.

Craig Lodge, No. 574—Inspected April 21st. This is the first time I have ever visited this lodge and my reception was most cordial. W. Bro. Hugh Adams, whom I had met before in Sister Lodges, is a very enthusiastic mason and work earnestly for the welfare of his lodge. The brethren of this lodge are a very friendly group to meet. I was introduced by W. Bro. Neil Curry. The work of the first degree was done by W. Bro. Gillies and his officers very well indeed. The efficient secretary, W. Bro. McLean keeps his work in good order and is of great assistance to his brethren.

Lebabon Forest, No. 133—Inspected April 25th. The brethren very kindly received me at an emergent meeting. There was a large attendance, some from as far as Goderich and London. P.D.D.G.M. Smith of London district contributed much to the success of the meeting. The brethren have a beautifully decorated and furnished lodge room and are zealous masons. The work of the first degree was splendidly done by W. Bro. Frayne, and a brihgt staff of officers, the J.W. received very favourable mention. W. Bro. Heaman gave the final charge very impressively. W. Bro. R. N. Creech, the secretary looks well after his books and the dues and contributes much to the good standing of his lodge.

St. James Lodge No. 73—Inspected May 2nd. W. Bro. Taylor and his officer exemplified the work of the second degree in a very efficient manner. The work of the senior warden was exceptionally good. This lodge has made a study of Masonry and its symbolism and it shows in their work.

The brethren have a custom of presenting the I. P.M. with a P.M's jewel and I had the pleasure of presenting this jewel to W. Bro. E. White, on behalf of the lodge. Bro. White made a beautiful reply of acceptance, explaining its symbolical significance.

Tavistock Lodge No. 609.—Inspected on the evening of May 10th. I met many visitors, a goodly number from Wilson district. The attendance was large, W. Bro. Ratz and his officers worked the third degree in a capable manner and the candidate was especially well prepared.

Morning Star Lodge No. 309—Was visited May 11th. These brethren have a reputation for putting on a real night. On the occasion of the visit of the D.D.G. M. many visitors were present, a goodly number from North Huron District. I was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. Abray, a former D.D.G.M. of South Huron. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Robertson and his officers in commendable style. Practice and zeal are the key-notes of good workmanship. Many veteran members were present, one, fifty-three years a mason, an other wearing the medal of Master of fifty years, in the person of Bro. Varcoe.

Granton Lodge No. 483—I visited on May 16th and was introduced by V.W. Bro. Dann. The candidate for the evening was Mr. Hobbs, a son of the secretary, who is a P.M. Two brothers of the candidate were also present, both past masters, a very pleasant circumstance. W. Bro. Hobbs, Sr., has a fourth son, also a mason. The work of the degree was splendidly exemplified by W. Bro. Barthel and a capable staff of officers. A goodly number of past masters were present, several of whom assisted in the work. The secretary is very efficient, the lodge in good standing and growing, the officers having worked nineteen degrees since taking office in December. They have a beautiful lodge room, newly decorated and nicely furnished. Many lodges were represented and there was a large attendance.

Irving Lodge No. 154—was my next inspection at Luncan, the masonic home of R.W. Bro. Orme, the immediate P.D.D.G.M. The attendance was very large and I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Sampson of London District, and several other brethren from London. W. Bro. Sutherland and his officers initiated a candidate in a very commendable manner and were assisted by some of the Past Masters, of whom there were a goodly number present. W. Bro. Neal acted as J. W. and gave the lecture in fine style on very short notice.

The secretary looks well to his duties.

Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich—My concluding visit was at Maitland Lodge and was a very large and enthusiastic meeting. Two carloads of Tudor brethren accompanied me to Maitland. I had met a goodly number of the Maitland brethren on the occasions of my visits to other lodges and it was delightful to meet them again in their home lodge. They have a very fine lodge, large, beautifully decorated and well furnished. It was lavishly decorated upon the occasion of my visit with bouquets of the most splendid tulips that I think I have ever seen. These were transferred to the banqueting tables after the lodge closed and were greatly admired by all present. W. Bro. N. MacKay and a very capable and well skilled staff of officers initiated a candidate in an almost perfect manner. The charge being given by V.W. Bro. Crystal in a kindly, impressive, earnest manner.

W. Bro. Megaw, the secretary is one of the very best, he looks after his books well and collects the dues. There are practically no unpaid dues in this lodge. He is also of great assistance to the officers in the management of the lodge and the work. The speeches were of the same high and elevating tone that has been a marked feature in every lodge in the district.

I have been accompanied upon every visit by a goodly number of Tudor Brethren. W. Bro. N. J. Boyd, has upon almost every occasion being with me, and to him and all, I am indebted for many thoughtful courtesies and kindly services.

The meetings have all been well attended, many visitors from sister lodges adding interest and enthusiasm to the meetings. This is as it should be, as herein lies the great beauty of our order. the virtue of brotherhood, and it has ever been in evidence at our gatherings.

In conclusion, I would again thank the district for a great honour and a very pleasant and profitable year; and if there is one truth that has been impressed upon my mind it is this: That Masonry is a vital force, operating in the lives of the brethren, rearing upon the firm founda-

tion of morality, a super-structure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder—"A house not made with hands."

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. MYERS,

D.D.G.M. South Huron District

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry throughout St. Lawrence District during the past year.

The honour conferred upon me by the brethren of this district in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master is hereby again gratefully acknowledged. Their many kindnesses extended to me on my official visits have been appreciated more than words can express.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Victor de Carle, of Sussex Lodge No. 5, as District Secretary, who accompanied me on many of my visits and assisted me with my work. I also appointed Rev. W. Bro. T. H. H. Hall, of Merrickville Lodge No. 55, as District Chaplain.

I have visited every lodge in the district and find that the officers in most of the lodges are very efficient in the performance of their duties, and are striving to advance Masonry in their respective lodges.

A Past Masters' Association is flourishing in St. Lawrence District and much credit is due the secretary, V.W. Bro. Thos. H. Guest. The Past Masters' Association had a very good attendance at the regular meeting on Sept. 8th, at Spencerville, where we were hospitably entertained by the members of Nation Lodge and a very fine address on Masonry by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, of Napanee, and all who were present were sorry when his fluent address came to an end. The election of officers takes place at this meeting, and at the June meeting the nomination of the D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year takes place, which seems a better plan, for there is a

larger representation of Masters and Past Masters than we could hope to have at Grand Lodge. The delegates to Grand Lodge only confirm the nomination of the association.

On June 8th, 1927, we had a very good meeting of the Past Masters' and Wardens' Association in the Masonic Memorial Temple at Brockville. At 6 p.m. about 90 members met in the dining-room and, after doing justice to the dinner, proceeded with the business. W. Bro. H. A. Stewart, M.P., gave us a very fine address and told us some of our shortcomings as well as some of our good works. The Executive Committee were instructed to get out a schedule for interchange of visits of the different lodges throughout the district. W. Bro. Harold Kidd was nominated as the endorsed candidate for the office of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year. The meeting accepted the invitation to meet at Athens for the meeting in September next.

St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls, September 17th—There was an attendance of sixty members. The work was well put on by the officers, W. Bro. R. G. Allport filling the chair as Master. The first degree was exemplified. I had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was the presenting of a Long Service Medal to W. Bro. Johnston on behalf of the M.W. the Grand Master. This lodge is in good shape financially.

St. James Lodge, South Augusta, October 18th—The third degree was exemplified in an excellent way by W. S. Warner, W.M., and the other officers of the lodge, being assisted in an able way by R.W. Bro. E. A. McKim.

Harmony Lodge, Delta, October 20th—They have a very fine lodge room which they own. This is a thrifty lodge, with efficient officers, and an attendance that was commendable, thirty-eight being in lodge room and a number outside preparing the supper. R.W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey and W. Bro. W. J. Reynolds accompanied me in a blinding snow storm to attend this meeting. The Worshipful Master, Dr. Lorne Pierce, editor, journeyed all the way from Toronto to attend this meeting

and did his work very well indeed. W. Bro. H. E. Johnson is a good secretary. The first degree was exemplified on a candidate in a very satisfactory manner.

Rising Sun, Athens, October 21st.—Bros. Horton, Kennedy and de Carle accompanied me on my official visit to the classic village, and it made my heart leap for joy to see so many of my old friends at the meeting.

There not being any degrees to confer, the officers opened the lodge in the second and third degrees and collected the pass grip and pass word in a very creditable manner, and I have no fear that the principles of Masonry are well looked after in Rising Sun Lodge. They have a very efficient secretary and everything is in a good healthy state.

Central Lodge, Prescott, November 2nd—I was accompanied by a goodly number from Brockville and vicinity on my visit to this lodge. There being no candidate for degree, the officers opened and closed in the three degrees and also took the pass grip and pass word, which was all very well done.

Nation Lodge, Spencerville, November 5th.—With several brethren I visited this lodge. There were about eighty present and I had the officers take the pass grip and pass words from them and open and close in the three degrees, which was done efficiently, and satisfied me that the ancient landmarks are being preserved. The officers are a capable lot of men, which speaks well for the future of Masonry in that community. There is the true spirit of Masonry in this lodge and a friendliness unexcelled. They have a beautiful equipped temple and banquet hall, which they own.

Macoy Lodge, Mallorytown, November 15th.—Quite a number accompanied me to visit this lodge and we were well received. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a splendid manner. The secretary is very efficient and everything is in good order in this lodge.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, North Augusta, November 17th—I was greeted by a large attendance of members and visitors on my official visit to this lodge. The open-

ing and closing in the three degrees was splendidly done. as was also the taking of the pass grip and pass word, Everything is in excellent shape in this lodge.

Lansdowne Lodge, Lansdowne, November 18th—I was accompanied by several brethren on my visit to this lodge, at which there was a large attendance of members and visitors, indicating a live interest in our ancient craft. There being no candidates I had the Acting Master, W. Bro. Dr. Mackie, and regular officers open and close in the three degrees. I also had them take the pass grips and pass words in the second and third degrees, and they were very proficient in anything I asked them to do. The secretary keeps his books in a creditable way.

Lyn, Lyn, December 14th—Several Brockville brethren joined me in my enjoyable visit to this place. The first degree was exemplified in a very able manner and the officers are very proficient. They have fine rooms, which they own, and everything is in a good healthy state.

Osiris Lodge, Smith's Falls, January 21st—The attendance in lodge was seventy and the attendance at banquet in the neighborhood of one hundred. The work exemplified was the second degree and was done by the officers of the year excellently, and I have yet to see it excelled. They have very fine quarters and are in a thrifty condition financially.

The singing was wonderfully sweet, which added much to a very delightful evening, and I believe a very profitable evening, as we had such distinguished gentlemen as W. Bro. Dr. Bedford Jones to address us along with others.

Sussex and Salem Lodges, Brockville, March 22nd—My home lodge. The first degree was exemplified in an excellent manner assisted by a good choir. The Sussex officers did the first part and then vacated their chairs and Salem officers carried on. We have two flourishing lodges and exceptionally good secretaries to

keep us in due bounds. The Masonic Temple is a credit to the town, and is an inspiration to the officers to do good work.

True Britons Lodge, Perth, May 2nd—I was received right royally by fifty members of this lodge. The Master and officers put on the first degree in a very creditable manner. I found the books of the secretary well kept, and the lodge and equipment insured, and everything in good order.

Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, May 3rd,—On my official visit to this lodge I was well received by about thirty members, Smith's Falls and Carleton Place, being represented. The third degree was exemplified by the Master and officers, who showed themselves to be proficient in their duties. I found everything in proper order in this lodge and Masonic traditions well maintained.

Otter Lodge, Lombardy, May 4th—I was welcomed by twenty-five members of the Craft and spent a very pleasant evening. The Master, J. A. Lyons, and officers of the lodge put on the third degree in a very able manner. I also found the secretary's books well kept and equipment well insured.

Merrickville Lodge, Merrickville, May 10th—There was a good attendance to greet me on my visit to this lodge, and there were also four past D.D.G.M's present. I had the officers and members exemplify the opening and closing in the second and third degrees, and closing in the first degree, and also had them take the pass grip and pass word from the brethren present in the second and third degrees. The officers did this exceptionally well. This lodge is in a flourishing condition.

Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville, May 13th—There were a goodly number present on the occasion of my visit to this lodge. The officers put on the first degree in a very efficient manner. I had the honor of presenting nine Past Masters with Past Master Jewels. Afterwards we

were banquetted and entertained with addresses. This was an enjoyable visit. Everything is in excellent shape in this lodge.

On May 8th, 1927, R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, of Toronto, honoured Sussex Lodge, Brockville, with a visit and conferred the third degree. The lodge room was well filled and a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent.

I was fortunately able to personally inspect the work of each lodge in the district. I was impressed by the uniform manner in which the degrees were conferred and the desire to conform to the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

The books and records of the lodges are satisfactorily kept and the finances generally are all that could be desired.

In conclusion I wish to convey to the brethren of the district generally, and to many of the Past Masters and Masters in particular, my deepest appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to me during my official year. I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which have been extended to me. May harmony and prosperity continue throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. DERBYSHIRE,

D.D.G.M. St. Lawrence District.

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour, and pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the state of Masonry in St. Thomas District.

Allow me at this time, to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of the district for the honour bestowed upon me by the unanimous election to the office of D.D.G.M. and thereby the humble representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I also wish to thank the Past Masters and Masters of the three St. Thomas lodges for the great help and assistance they have given me.

I have visited all the lodges in this district officially, once, and on these visits was accompanied by a large number of brethren. I have the pleasure to report that in nearly all the lodges, the officers have been well skilled in their duties and work, are endeavouring to keep the standard high, and are receiving the support and good will of the members.

I have endeavoured as far as possible to visit the outlying lodges in the district as often as possible, and I find by so doing a greater interest is aroused and I can assure you that these visits have been very much appreciated by the Masters.

During this year there have been several fraternal visits by the different lodges. The work exemplified and the exchange of fraternal greetings, in my opinion have been of great value to Masonry.

The event of special importance to this district was the visit Tuesday, November 2, 1926, of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. Rowland, which was held in the city of St. Thomas, and attended by about five

hundred members of the craft, representing each lodge in the district. The visit was very much appreciated and the inspiring address given by the Grand Master will long remain in the memories of those privileged to hear him on that occasion.

It is earnestly hoped that his successor will continue the good work.

Another event of which I would like to make mention is the occasion of my official visit to my Mother Lodge, St. David's No. 302, St. Thomas. On this occasion I was royally received by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. W. A. Gray, officers and members, the lodge room not being large enough to accommodate the brethren who had assembled. At the banquet which was held in the auditorium after the work of the evening, 485 brethren participated. I was also remembered on this occasion by a gift and I can assure you, it, and the fond memories connected with it, will long be remembered and cherished by me.

Masonry in this district is in a good healthy, progressive condition and if the enthusiasm displayed continues, the high standard will be maintained.

My first official duty was to appoint W. Bro. Wm. H. Stapleton as District Secretary, and he reports that the secretaries of the various lodges are doing their work well.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren of the district, to the Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Past Masters, my sincere thanks and appreciation of the many kindnesses, and great help to me, and I trust that the same feeling of harmony will continue to exist until time shall be no more.

The dates, and lodges visited officially are as follows:

October 15, 1926, Prince of Wales, No. 171, Lawrence Station.

October 20, 1926, Dufferin, No. 346, Melbourne.
 November 9, 1926, St. Marks, No. 94, Port Stanley.
 November 16, 1926, McColl, No. 386, West Lorne.
 November 17, 1926, Rodney, No. 411, Rodney.
 December 15, 1926, Cameron, No. 232, Dutton.
 Jan. 20, 1927, St. David's, No. 302, St. Thomas.
 March 24, 1927, Talbot, No. 546, St. Thomas.
 April 7, 1927, St. Thomas, No. 44, St. Thomas.
 April 12, 1927, Warren, No. 120, Fingal.
 May 11, 1927, Malahide, No. 140, Aylmer.

Sincerely and Fraternally Submitted,

GEO. R. STEVENSON,
 D.D.G.M. St. Thomas District.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the District of Temiskaming. First I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honour they conferred on me in electing me to this high office. Also the Past D.D.G.M. and masters for their kindness and assistance during the year.

I appointed W. Bro. W. H. Johns, Past Master of Porcupine Lodge, District Secretary, and I owe him a debt of gratitude for his help and counsel, during my term of office.

In August, 1926, I had the pleasure of accompanying Most Worshipful Bro. John A. Rowland on his official visit to Abitibi, Golden Beaver and Porcupine Lodges. At each of these meetings the attendance was very large, and the instructive addresses given by the Grand Master were much appreciated by all present.

On October the 8th, assisted by several P.D.D.G.Ms. and Past Masters of the District, I installed and invested the officers of Elk Lake Lodge No. 597. December the 2nd the officers of Doric Lodge No. 623. December the 27th, Porcupine Lodge No. 506. January 21st, Abitibi Lodge No. 540. June the 24th Cochrane Lodge No. 530.

On Monday May the 2nd, I visited Cobalt Lodge No. 486. R.W. Bro. T. E. Armstrong acting W.M. and the officers of the lodge conferred the first degree in a very efficient manner. The addresses at the banquet, after the lodge was closed, were very instructive. This lodge had the misfortune to lose their W. Master. The late W. Bro. W. L. Ross who was killed by accident while at work, and R.W. Bro. T. E. Armstrong is acting in his place.

On Tuesday, May the 3rd, I visited Temiskaming Lodge No. 462. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. R. R. Woods and his officers in an excellent manner. This being the oldest lodge in the district, there were many P.D.D.G.Ms. and Past Masters present. The books are well kept, they have a fine temple, and the lodge is prosperous.

I made an official visit to Elk Lake Lodge on Wednesday, May 4th. The brethren of this lodge contemplate building a new Temple this year. At present they are meeting in the Orange Hall. The second degree was conferred in a very able manner by W. Bro. H. G. Kennedy and his officers. At this meeting I invested the junior warden, who was sick when the officers were invested in October. A good number of brethren were present, and a pleasant and instructive time was spent by all.

Haileybury Lodge No. 485 was visited by me on May the 5th. The work of the first degree was carried through very impressively by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his officers and P.D.D.G.Ms. and Past Masters who were present. I am sure that the candidate must have been much impressed by the large number of members in the lodge room, and the perfect rendition of the various charges. The speeches at the banquet were inspiring.

Accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. Patterson I visited Englehart Lodge on Friday May the 6th. The Fellowcraft Degree was exemplified by the Worshipful Master and Officers in a very able manner. The books are kept well, and financial standing of the lodge is good.

I had the pleasure of visiting Golden Beaver Lodge on Wednesday May the 11th. The District Secretary and several members of Porcupine Lodge accompanied me. W. Bro. G. C. Murphy and officers of the lodge conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. At the end of the ceremony the Master introduced the new brother to the members present in a very fatherly manner. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition. The books are up to date and finances good.

It was my privilege to visit Doric Lodge No. 623 on May the 12th. I was met at the station by R.W. Bro. F. W. Haynes, one of the founders of the lodge, and W. Bro. H. G. Ginn. The work for the evening was conferring the second degree. This was ably carried through by the W. Master, Past Masters and officers.

Cochrane Lodge was visited on Friday, May the 18th. Very W. Bro. W. G. E. Robinson received me and conducted me to the hotel. He afterwards fetched me to the lodge room. As the members of this lodge are mainly railroad men, they cannot always attend the regular meetings of the lodge, so they have to get their degrees when it is convenient for them to get away. At this meeting two degrees were put on, a first and second. Assisted by the P. Masters, the W. Master and the officers conferred the degrees in a very capable manner. The lodge has a very efficient secretary in W. Bro. A. T. King. The books are in good order, and the financial standing is excellent.

It gave me great pleasure to visit officially, my home lodge, Porcupine No. 506. R.W. Bro. Robert LeHeup and Past Master W. Bro. M. G. Clark escorted me to the East. W. Bro. A. Yeomans and his officers conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. There were a large number of members present, including several visitors from Golden Beaver Lodge. The Past Masters are of great assistance to the W. Master in the degree work. Great credit is due to the secretary, Bro. Geo. Cole for the efficient manner in which the records of the lodge are kept. The finances of the lodge are in good shape.

I visited Abitibi Lodge on Friday, May the 20th. R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt had invited W. Bro. A. Primeau-Robert, W. Master of Denechau Lodge No. 80, G.R.Q. to be present at this meeting. In his honour this night was called Canadian Night. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. E. Brewer and officers, who were natives, or who had lived in Quebec Province. The degree was exemplified in an excellent manner. The charge in the N. East being given by W. Bro. Primeau-Robert. I have already seen the regular officers of

Abitibi confer the three degrees, so can answer for their proficiency. After the lodge was closed a splendid supper was served in the Community Hall, and the brethren were entertained with a musical program. W. Bro. Pr meau-Robert gave a very instructive lecture on Masonry as it is practised in Montreal. His discourse was greatly appreciated by the two hundred brethren present. Abitibi Lodge is to be congratulated on the inducements it offers its members and visitors to attend lodge.

Before closing my report, I wish to thank the brethren of the district, for the cordial manner in which they have received me on all occasions. Also the P.D.D.G.Ms. Past and Ruling Masters, for their co-operation and assistance during the past year. I hope that my successor will have the same hearty support.

Fraternally submitted,

E. J. MASON.

D.D.G.M. Temiskaming District.

TORONTO DISTRICT "A"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "A" for the year 1926-27, it is only fitting that I should first express my deep and sincere appreciation of the signal honour which the brethren of this Masonic district conferred upon me, in unanimously electing me as their representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I wish also to thank the brethren of the district for the courtesy, kindness, and hospitality which have been so generously extended to me throughout the year. I have endeavoured to the utmost of my ability to fulfil the duties reposed in me, and to prove worthy of the honour and dignity becoming the office, and may I express the hope therefore that your trust in me has not been misplaced.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. J. G. Cheynne of Mimico Lodge, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. A. E. Scythes of Humber Lodge, as District Secretary. To both these brethren, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for their valuable assistance.

Oct. 22—My first official visit was made to Humber Lodge No. 305, and I was greeted with a very fine attendance. The first degree was exemplified in an entirely satisfactory manner. The interest and enthusiasm displayed was very gratifying. Now that their new hall is completed they should have a bright future. I was much pleased with the work of the newly formed choir which added much to the impressiveness of the occasion.

Nov. 19—Anothony Sayer U.D., was my next inspection. Here again the first degree was exemplified. There should be a field for this new lodge in this rapidly growing centre, and as time goes on their interest and enthusiasm will no doubt increase. Books and records are all neatly kept.

Dec. 16—Our next inspection was Fidelity No. 575, and the third degree was submitted for our approval. The work was done impressively, all the officers showing efficiency. I was indeed pleased to find no outstanding dues. A fine spirit prevails and the officers and members are ambitious and enthusiastic. The benevolent fund which they have started is a step in the right direction.

Jan. 12—Patricia Lodge No. 587 submitted the first degree on this date for our approval. It was a pleasure to witness the impressiveness of their work and their accuracy in Masonic ritual. This young lodge is living up to expectations. Their growth is steady and healthy. They are to be commended for their splendid system of keeping intact all lodge records.

Jan. 18—I visited Long Branch No. 632 on this date. This lodge received its Charter in November, and is just now getting under way. We saw an exemplification of the second degree. I would strongly recommend that a system of keeping a proper record of accounts be introduced. Officers and members are energetic.

Jan. 26, Our itinerary next led us to Runnymede Lodge No. 619, on perhaps the coldest night of the winter. The attendance of course was small on account of the weather, but the warmth of their reception more than compensated for this. The first degree was exemplified in a faultless manner. The officers are efficient, the members active and energetic, the past masters loyal and enthusiastic, the records properly kept. Masonry in this lodge is in good hands.

Feb. 8—On this date we spent a very pleasant evening in Melita Lodge No. 605, and saw the first degree exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. This young lodge is maintaining its dignity and fulfilling the expectations of its most sanguine supporters. They are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they have carried on during the continued illness of W. Bro. Wilson, now the Immediate Past Master. This lodge has very bright prospects.

Feb. 11—General Mercer, No. 548 was inspected on this date. Owing to a combination of circumstances this lodge was not prepared to do itself justice, and the second degree was exemplified in a manner that left much to be desired. I officially visited this lodge again on June 10 and was delighted to notice such a marked improvement. The first degree was submitted in such a splendid manner that left nothing to be desired. Much credit is due the Past Masters, and I am led to hope that unity, co-operation and service, outstanding characteristics of the late General Mercer, after whom the lodge is named, will characterize all their activities.

Feb. 16—It was with a great deal of pleasure that we inspected Sunnyside Lodge No. 582. This young lodge is forging ahead. The first degree was exemplified in such a manner as to leave little room for criticism. A splendid spirit is manifest. The officers pride themselves on their work. The Past Masters are efficient. Finances are in good condition, and records properly kept.

Feb. 17—High Park Lodge No. 531 was inspected on this date. This lodge, strong financially, and strong numerically continues to exhibit a very fine spirit. There is an enthusiasm about officers and members that is most inspiring. The officers, young, vigorous, and ambitious, exemplified the first degree in a most satisfactory manner. The work of the Junior Warden deserves special mention, being particularly well done. All minutes and records are kept in perfect order.

Feb. 18—Our visit to Kilwinning No. 565 was an inspiration and a delight. We expected great things in this lodge, and were not disappointed. The third degree was exemplified in such an impressive and correct manner as to leave nothing to be desired. The officers were all good, but I wish especially to mention the work of the Deacons. It was a treat. This lodge strong financially and strong numerically is making a very valuable contribution to Masonry. They are growing rapidly. The generous contributions to benevolence, and the splendid system of augmenting this fund is most commendable. Practically no outstanding dues, which reflects great honour on the secretary. The work of the Past Masters was most commendable.

Feb. 22—Temple Lodge No. 525 was visited on this date. The third degree was exemplified for our inspection, in a most impressive manner, and the work of the officers was most commendable. Masonic traditions are being well maintained in this lodge. The growth is steady. Financial operations might be improved if the recommendation of the auditors were adopted relative to a new system of bookkeeping, and outstanding dues should be reduced.

Feb. 28—Acting on instruction from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master I instituted the Lake Shore Lodge on this date. I was ably assisted by many Grand Lodge officers and Past Masters. On June 6 I officially inspected this lodge and saw the first degree exemplified in a very splendid manner indeed. The officers are capable and enthusiastic, the finances in good shape and the books well kept. This young lodge should give a good account of itself.

March 1—Our itinerary next led us to Stanley Lodge No. 426. This fine old lodge has been the bulwark of Masonry in West Toronto. Though handicapped by an epidemic of colds among the officers and past masters, the first degree was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. This lodge is in a very strong position financially, generous in benevolence, and I was pleased to learn that a regular benevolent fund is being established with a means of systematically augmenting the same. Records are well kept.

March 8—Mount Sinai Lodge No. 522 was officially visited by me on this date. We were very enthusiastically received and the first degree was submitted for our approval, in a very splendid manner. I was pleased with the clear, distinct enunciation, and with the earnestness and correctness of the work of the various officers. No special benevolent fund is in existence but a good work is being done in charity. This lodge is in good condition numerically and financially.

March 10—Mississauga Lodge No. 524 was our next inspection. The first degree was submitted in a splendid manner for our approval. The officers are

ambitious, and the whole tone of the work was commendable. This lodge is to be congratulated on the splendid additions and improvements in their hall, which is now well fitted in every way for the work of Masonry. The finances are in good shape, and the books well kept. There is a bright future for Masonry in this growing district.

March 14—We had the pleasure of inspecting Transportation Lodge No. 583 on this date when the first degree was exemplified in a very correct manner. This lodge continues to maintain a masonic vitality of a very high order. The financial operations of the past year were very commendable. Practically no outstanding dues, reflecting great credit on the capable secretary. The work of the various officers was very commendable and the very fine spirit reflected by the brethren cannot fail to have its reward.

March 15—We received a very fine reception in visiting Victoria Lodge No. 474 when the second degree was exemplified in such a splendid manner that left nothing to be desired. This lodge has always maintained a high position, for correct and impressive work, and this occasion was no exception. I was impressed with the splendid staff of officers who are loyally upholding the hands of the W. Master. The Orpheus Quartette, always good, added greatly to the occasion. Victoria continues to hold high the torch of Masonry.

March 16—Occident Lodge No. 346 the third oldest in District A celebrated the fiftieth anniversary last October. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was present on this occasion, and the event was one long to be remembered by all those present. At our inspection the first degree was exemplified in a very splendid manner. As might be expected this lodge is strong in past masters. The Charity Lecture given by V.W. Bro. J. S. Williams, 88 years old, was one of the finest renderings it has ever been my pleasure to hear. The books are well kept and this fine old lodge should continue to prosper.

March 22—On this date we officially visited Maple Leaf Lodge No. 600. The first degree was conferred in an impressive manner. The officers, all earnest and enthusiastic, strive to excel in their work. The members are loyal in every way, and a splendid prospect is in store for this young lodge. Books are well kept and the substantial benevolent fund already accumulated is an indication of their vision.

March 25—We were most cordially received into Prince of Wales Lodge No. 630 on this date. The second degree was submitted for our approval in such a correct and impressive manner that left little to be desired. This young lodge is aggressive and virile, and I predict for them a very bright future. The officers are surrounded by a group of outstanding Past Masters, who are a tower of strength to any lodge. R.W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins gave the Past Masters charge in a letter perfect and impressive manner.

April 1—King Hiram Lodge No. 566 was our next official visit. The first degree was submitted for our approval in a very creditable manner. There was a good attendance of members and interest and enthusiasm appears to be maintained. A regular benevolent fund has been established, and I trust that as time goes on, enthusiasm and aggressiveness may be maintained.

April 6—On this date we had the pleasure of inspecting Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599. This young lodge is well manned and the interest and enthusiasm is well maintained. The first degree was submitted for our approval in such a splendid manner that left very little room for criticism. The membership is satisfactorily increasing and the prospects appear to be very encouraging. Books and records in good order.

April 8—On this date we spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening in Parkdale Lodge No. 510. The first degree was exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. The officers and members show an enthusiasm which is most commendable. The membership continues to increase. No regular benevolent fund as yet. This lodge, the oldest meeting in this hall, continues to hold high the torch of Masonry.

April 12—Our next inspection was at Mimico Lodge No. 369. This fine old lodge, continues to uphold the traditions of Masonry in this rapidly growing centre. The membership is rapidly increasing, already taxing the capacity of their newly re-modelled hall. The third degree was very well exemplified. Books and records are in good shape.

May 10—River Park Lodge No. 356 was inspected on this date when the first degree was exemplified in a very fitting manner. On May 31 this lodge celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Among those present were the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and many other present and past Grand Lodge officers, together with many other visitors. A very fine banquet was arranged for the occasion and the Grand Master delivered a very inspiring address. Masonry owes much to these old lodges, having borne the burden in years gone by.

May 12—On this occasion we had the pleasure of visiting Connaught Lodge No. 501 the oldest lodge meeting in this hall. The first degree was submitted for our approval in a manner that left little to be desired. The officers are ambitious, and the members enthusiastic, while the Past Masters maintain their zeal and attachment. Books and records are well kept.

May 17—On account of attending a reception to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in West Toronto Temple on this date, I was unable to keep my engagement with Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton. I am much indebted to R.W. Bro. Dr. T. A. Carson, D.D.G.M. Toronto District "D," who very kindly undertook my work and inspected this lodge for me. He reports that the first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and that the officers are earnest and anxious in regard to their duties and that with more energy and enthusiasm they will show improvement.

On October 25 the consecration of Long Branch Lodge No. 632 was performed under the direction of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master. In this beautiful

ceremony the Grand Master was assisted by many present and past Grand Lodge officers and altogether a very profitable and pleasant evening was spent.

On November 25 the brethren of the rural lodges of our district tendered a reception to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in Connaught Hall.

On April 25, the brethren of the lodges meeting in Lansdowne Hall had a similar function, which was again repeated on May 17, by the lodges meeting in the Annette St. Temple.

These meetings served the very useful purpose of bringing the brethren into personal touch with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and on each occasion he delivered a most inspiring address.

During the year, our district particularly, and the Craft generally, suffered a distinct loss in the passing of R.W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins who was suddenly called to the Grand Lodge above on May 5th. His long and honourable career in Masonry afforded ample scope for a natural desire for close companionship with a wide circle of very warm friends. He never lost interest in the Craft and as advancing years crept on he afforded a worthy example to the younger members through his regular attendance at lodge meetings. He was well skilled in all branches of the work and always ready to lend a helping hand. The many kindly tributes paid to his memory clearly demonstrated that he held in a very special manner, the love, respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Masonry in this district is in a flourishing condition. The officers are capable, the members enthusiastic, the candidates are a splendid type, the attendance fairly good, and the entertainment provided in the banquet room is, as it should be, of a high order.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those present and past Grand Lodge Officers, and Past and Ruling Masters

who accompanied me on so many of my visits and rendered me such valuable assistance throughout my term of office.

"I do not know
Where fall the seeds I've tried to sow
With greatest care,
And yet I hope each seed will grow
And bring forth fruit,
Sometime, somewhere."

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. ALEXANDER,
D.D.G.M. Toronto District "A"

TORONTO DISTRICT "B"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Masonry in Toronto District B is strong and flourishing; peace and harmony prevail, with an increasing realization of the value of the Craft.

I visited all the 27 lodges—many of them more than once. Of two—Orient and Queen City—I was unable to make the official inspections myself, but these were made for me by R.W. Bros. T. A. Carson and W. E. Hopkings, who reported most favourably on both, and to whom I offer my thanks. I am indebted to them and to R.W. Bro. H. J. Alexander for much kindness and assistance.

In almost every case I found the degree work of the lodge highly satisfactory and in the few instances in which some adverse criticism was necessary, the shortcomings were due to local or temporary conditions and not to lack of zeal on the part of the Worshipful Masters. In one lodge after another I was impressed with the keenness of the officers and the loyalty of the brethren.

Though there is not now as great a clamour for admission to the Craft as during some of the years after the War, there is steady progress and perhaps more healthy growth. In several lodges there has been actually a slight decline in active membership—not at all to be regretted, if it means the cutting away of dead wood. There is evidence in some of these decreases that we were for a time admitting members too freely. In many instances the reports of the Masonic Bureau on suspensions show "unknown—unknown" as to the residence and occupation of the brethren suspended. This can only mean that members were admitted of whom the brethren had little knowledge when they entered and of whom they learned little while they remained with the lodge. These new members were never assimilated; never made Masons or brethren in any real sense.

During the year one lodge in the district was consecrated—Caledonia, No. 637. It was blessed from the start with most efficient officers and has made splendid progress. With this baby lodge may be mentioned a couple of veterans, St. Johns 75, and Georgina, 343, one of which celebrated its seventieth anniversary and the other its Golden Jubilee with fitting ceremonies.

The relations of the several lodges in the district with one another and with lodges in neighbouring districts are very good. In one case of invasion of jurisdiction, where some friction might in ordinary course have been expected, the Masters of the lodges concerned met and adjusted the matter most commendably, in a spirit of Masonic forbearance and fraternity.

The question of territorial jurisdiction between city lodges and suburban lodges close to the city limits continues to give some trouble and in my opinion should receive early attention from Grand Lodge. The solution may perhaps be found in grouping the near-by suburban lodges with the city lodges and giving all of them concurrent jurisdiction in all the territory of both.

The plan of having group meetings of several lodges to receive the Grand Master has been followed with marked success, these meetings being among the outstanding events of the year. The opinion seems general that the plan should be continued, as it enables the Grand Master to meet the lodges and the active members of the Craft more readily and with less expenditure of time and energy. The experience already gained in arranging these group meetings will enable the brethren to make them even more successful, and to distribute the work and financial responsibility so that no lodge shall carry more than its share.

No precept of Masonry is more earnestly put forward as of the very essence of our teaching than the practice of charity, in the sense of benevolent action, as well as of tolerant sympathy. It does not follow that the lodge itself must expend large sums for benevolent purposes; but it may fairly be urged that its gifts for charity bear a generous relationship to spendings for maintenance and entertainment. I think there is increasing recognition of this principle.

Any tendency to use Masonic rank or membership for personal advancement in business, or in Dominion, provincial or municipal politics should be jealously suppressed. Even a suspicion that the Order as a whole, or its lodges separately can be used for the selfish purposes of an individual or a political party will work untold mischief. Almost equally disastrous would be the growth of canvassing for office within the Order itself. In one case this year in which a brother was making a Masonic appeal in a municipal contest, without realizing the objection to such a course, it was only necessary to call his attention to the error. The appeal was at once abandoned; and ample amends were made. Fortunately these improper efforts, in either external or domestic matters, usually work their own cure by setting up a reaction that defeats their object.

On one or two occasions I thought it necessary to urge greater care to preserve a proper standard in the entertainment in the supper room. A Masonic lodge is not a Sunday-school, nor should it be. Masons are "neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men". But there are ideals of the Craft which must not be ignored when we leave the lodge room. The fault, when it showed itself, lay not with the brethren chiefly, but almost entirely with paid entertainers who were not Masons, and who mistook their audience. I am glad to bear witness to the excellent spirit in which the matter was dealt with by lodge officers when necessary.

I am most grateful to W. Bro. W. B. Milliken, K.C. a mainstay of Ionic Lodge, 25, who was good enough to accept office as district secretary and whose experienced counsel has been of much value to the lodges and to me. He has found that almost without exception the work of the secretaries and treasurers has been efficient and that the finances are in good order.

I go out of office with very grateful appreciation of the support given me by Worshipful Masters and of the cordiality shown by my brethren throughout the district; a happy remembrance of my relations with Masonic

friends, old and new; and a greater belief in the value and permanence of Freemasonry as a living force in the community.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN D. SPENCE,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District B

TORONTO DISTRICT "C"

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Toronto District C for the year ending June 30th, 1927.

The honour conferred upon me by the representatives of the various lodges of the district in selecting me for the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in ratifying their choice is one I have appreciated most deeply and for which I thank them most heartily. It has been a delightfully profitable experience to me and I recall with pleasure the spontaneity of the welcome extended to me by the officers and brethren on my many visits thereby freely expressing their loyalty to the Grand Lodge, and accepting their responsibility as custodians of the principles and tenets of the Craft.

While I thank them for their many kind acts to me personally, I also desire to record my acknowledgment of the respect accorded to W. Bro. E. H. Richards, District Secretary, who rendered me invaluable service during my year of office.

In accordance with the instructions received, I have endeavoured to perform the duties of my office as efficiently as lay in my power to the three-fold aim that uniformity may prevail in our work, that the excellence of the society be appreciated, and that the duty required of all to raise it to its proper eminence and maintain it there by a daily exemplification of its principles be recognized. To what degree I have succeeded I leave to the judgment of time and my brethren.

This tribute is due to my predecessors that I received the district in almost perfect organization so that only matters of slight consequence required any attention

and these are on the way to amicable solution. With one or two exceptions, which, I believe, are due to excessive zeal, the utmost harmony prevails throughout every lodge, and the brethren are vying with each other in their efforts to make their lodge outstanding in its success. While these earnest workers are to be commended, we must acknowledge that there is a large—too large—percentage who are not as interested as is desired; at least their non-attendance at the meetings would lead us so to conclude. This is in spite of the heroic efforts of the Masters and Officers to entice them by means of special nights and special entertainments in the banquet hour.

The inter-visiting of individual members, officers, and Masters, as well as lodges as units is the best token of the general unity and friendly spirit that permeates the district as a whole, and welds it into a oneness over which it was a pleasure to preside. I wish to mention specially the entertainment of those lodges meeting outside the city by those which meet in the city temples. To this must be added the recognition of the interdistrict amity evident on all sides no less among the Grand Lodge Officers than among the lodges and members.

I visited every lodge once as per accompanying schedule and many two and even three times unofficially and can confidently report that the work is uniformly of a high standard of excellence. Every officer seems imbued with zeal to master and render his part of the work so that a perfection of rendition has been attained of which Grand Lodge may well be proud. The loyalty of the Past Masters is everywhere to be seen in supervision, instruction, and training of the junior officers and general care over the conduct of the lodges, and in many cases the character of individuals is stamped indelibly upon them setting a high ideal for years to come. The care of the records and finances bear constant tribute to faithful work of the secretaries and treasurers who form a colonnade of stately pillars supporting the business fabric. Too much cannot be said of the value of these officers who are in most lodges Past Masters well skilled and conversant with the Constitution of Grand Lodge thereby

assuring continuity of policy. I maintain that every secretary should hold the rank of a Past Master although this is not now a necessary qualification.

Numerical progress is substantial and from the character of those I have seen seeking admittance I am led to believe that the highest class of our province recognize the potency of our Order in the up-building of a firm, true, solid citizenship.

The quality of the entertainment provided for the social hour is well worthy of special mention. In this regard I wish to stress two points viz.:—the employment of male talent only, and the inspiring, elevating contribution of those highly-trained exquisitely harmonized choirs and quartets who individually and collectively are connected with and employed the various lodges. Music is recommended to our study and the enjoyment of the brethren is shown by their absorption during its rendition. Instruction is added to the entertainment by the introduction of eminent speakers from different walks of life whose addresses on historical, social, and industrial problems are highly appreciated and in themselves are sufficient recompense for the time given to our meetings. To have a thorough knowledge of our government and the principles on which it is founded, to be familiar with the lives and ideals of those pioneers who laid the foundations on which our national status is built, is to have a love and veneration for her instilled into our breasts which cannot be easily overthrown. I believe every Mason is convinced of the fact that education rather than agitation is the great need of the world today. Idealists may paint with glowing colours on the canvas of our vision beautiful pictures of entrancing glory awaiting our consummation but, Masonry, presenting to us the examples of deeds, fidelity of purpose, nobility of character of MEN, recommends that we build on a sure foundation and adding stone to stone maintain the general plan to the completion of accepted design. Thus it points and so let us strive.

Grand Lodge held three Special Meetings in the York Masonic Temple during the year. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master presided on each occasion and was assisted by a large number of Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers.

The first meeting was held on Sept. 10th, for the dedication of the lodge rooms in that Temple to the practice of Masonic Rites and Ceremonies. Here has been erected a monument to the persevering endeavour and consistent labour of a body of faithful brethren to the end that Masonry in the northern part of the city should enjoy a home worthy of it. All honour to them that their endeavours have produced this prominent edifice. While it ministers to the comfort and convenience of those meeting therein, it evidences the sacrifice and devotion of all engaged in its promotion. In it now hangs a painting of Most Worshipful Brother John A. Rowland, the gift of the lodges meeting in it, a fit tribute to our esteemed leader in the Craft, which was presented with appropriate ceremonies.

The other two meetings were for the Constituting and Consecrating of Delta Lodge No. 634, and Bedford Lodge No. 638, on Oct. 12 and 4th respectively. Both have fully justified the confidence reposed in them by Grand Lodge and are promising by careful selection and wise administration to become prominent and popular among their sister lodges. These beautiful ceremonies were not only a delight to the brethren but inspired them with the dignity of the ceremonies of Grand Lodge and the high character of those to whom has been entrusted the supreme ruling of our Order. It is well for us who act in restricted areas to know that men occupying positions of highest eminence in the gift of Business, Church and State are willing to devote time, talents, and ability for our common good.

While every meeting may be said to be of equal value in regard to the teaching of our principles to those who are admitted to our privileges, it gives me pleasure to record a few of those devoted to patriotic, honourary, and anniversary observances. Among these, which from lack of space I am unable to enumerate in full, were Canada Night and Semi-centennial Night to Most Worshipful Brother E. T. Malone, whom we all so highly esteem, held by Zetland Lodge, No. 326; the Eightieth Anniversary of the Institution of King Solomon's Lodge; The Composite Banquet to Most Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland by a group of lodges of District C and D;

Northern Night by Northgate Lodge; District Night by Ashlar Lodge and by Metropolitan Lodges and many nights devoted to the entertainment of lodges from distant cities and towns. The practice of holding "Ladies' Night" has become almost general. These general meetings and social functions are commendable as the brethren, and in the latter mentioned their families meet and enjoy voyages into congenial realms on the "two good ships—good fellowship and good comradeship—to the unity and sealing of our mutual good will.

"The dead are like the stars by day
 Withdrawn from mortal eye,
 But not extinct, they hold their sway,
 In glory through the sky."

With my brethren I stand with bowed head before many broken columns, to us unfinished by the brethren who having served their apprenticeship here have been summoned to other labours in the Grand Lodge above. We associate our sympathies with those to whom the ties of love had bound them in, perhaps, more intimate relationships, and with them mourn their loss and revere their memory. District C has suffered a serious loss in the departure of R.W. Bro. E. A. James whose genial personality and active interest will long be missed from among us. Individual lodges have suffered their particular bereavements but we accept the torch they pass to us and holding it high gather the straying threads of their lives and knot them in memory to our own that their work may not be forgotten.

I have been deeply impressed by the willingness and anxiety of the brethren to learn more thoroughly the full meaning and importance of the Order, and strongly recommend that efforts be made to instruct them in the present conditions from the "Report of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge." the historical, traditional, symbolic, and ethical relations to be gleaned from the Masonic journals and libraries at our command and approved by the Grand Lodge. Short addresses by those to whom such information is available would be much appreciated and by interesting the brethren tend to form a nucleus of reading masons, and fulfil the admonition of making a

daily advancement in masonic knowledge. I believe there is a large percentage of members as well as all our Past Masters who are capable of assisting in this way.

To the many Grand Lodge Officers, Past Masters, Masters and brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my visits, often providing transportation in their automobiles, I express my sincere thanks. Much valued assistance was given in providing vocal and instrumental entertainment at the meeting of those lodges out of the city, and this requires its meed of praise from myself and them. To R.W. Bro. E. Barber, my immediate predecessor, and V.W. Bro. A. L. Loughheed, his District Secretary, I am much indebted for information and advice in the administration of the district.

In closing my report I wish to say that harmony prevails, unanimity is supreme, interest is alive and evident, uniformly good and impressive work is prevalent, and enthusiasm is decidedly alive in this district, and I thank the brethren for the honour they conferred on me, their loyalty to me during the year, and their fealty to Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. HOPKINGS,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District C.

TORONTO DISTRICT "D"

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of
Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In presenting for your consideration and information my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto District "D", might I take this opportunity of expressing to the brethren my sincere gratitude and appreciation for their kind friendship and confidence that made possible the signal honor they conferred on me, in being selected to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this important Masonic District.

I also wish to express my indebtedness and gratitude to W. Bro. R. E. Burns, District Secretary, who not only rendered able and valuable service to myself and the Craft, but also by his genial and affable disposition assisted materially in brightening and lessening the peculiarly arduous duties of a District Deputy in a Toronto District.

District Meeting

Shortly after assuming office, I summoned the Ruling Masters and Wardens of the several lodges in the district to meet me for the purpose of considering and discussing anything that might affect or benefit our activities during the year. Practically every officer responded and many valuable suggestions were presented for the betterment of the Craft as a whole and District "D" particularly. I would recommend that this form of meeting be continued. It brings the D.D.G.M. intimately in touch with the masters and wardens of his district at once, which is very desirable, acquaints the various officers with their colleagues in office; and the many suggestions and friendly discussion must prove beneficial.

Constitution and Consecration

On October 16th, 1926, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by many present and past Grand

Lodge Officers, Constituted and Consecrated Wellington Lodge, No. 635 at the York Masonic Temple, Toronto. This lodge had its origin in the hearts and minds of many brethren formerly residing in Wellington County and its membership is drawn very largely from those more or less closely associated with that particular county and district. R.W. Bro. Dr. E. Flath, formerly D.D.G.M. Wellington District No. 7, was the first ruling Master, and a very courteous, efficient and dignified officer.

This consecration was one of many performed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master during this Masonic year, and the perfection, dignity and impressiveness with which this beautiful Masonic ceremony was carried out, was worthy at all times of our great fraternity and our distinguished leader.

Institutions

On October 19th, 1926, assisted by a number of Grand Lodge Officers and prominent brethren, I instituted Cathedral Lodge, meeting in the York Masonic Temple, Toronto. V.W. Bro. Geo. S. Henry was installed as W. Master and is ably assisted by officers and members, many of whom have been active in Masonic circles for years. Under the leadership of V.W. Bro. Henry, assisted by V.W. Bro. A. Park, I.P.M., W. Bro. J. G. Jack, S.W.; W. Bro. Geo. Rapsey, Secretary; W. Bro. J. K. Fraser, Treas. and others, the future of Cathedral Lodge is assured.

In the Masonic Temple, Yonge St., Toronto, on February 5th I instituted Simcoe Lodge, assisted again, cheerfully and ably by many of our prominent Masonic brethren. This lodge, with a Charter Membership of almost 125, all former residents of Simcoe County, has for its first Ruling Master, R.W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Hill, a sincere and talented Mason. Under his leadership and with the assistance of a splendid staff of officers, including V.W. Bro. MacKay, Secretary; W. Bro. Griffith, I.P.M.; W. Bro. George May, S.W.; W. Bro. R. J. Wallace, J.W.; W. Bro. W. F. Ronald, Treas.; W. Bro. J. C. Irwin, D.O.C., and many others, Simcoe Lodge has a particularly bright and prosperous future.

Inspections

Accompanied by the District Secretary, I officially visited every Lodge in "D" District as follows:

Union, Schomberg, No. 118, Oct. 15, 1926, First degree.
 True Blue, Bolton, No. 98, Oct. 19, 1926, First degree.
 Grey, Toronto, No. 589, Jan. 4, 1927, First degree.
 Wellington, Toronto, No. 635, Feb. 4, 1927, First degree.
 University, Toronto, No. 496, Feb. 9, 1927, First degree.
 Tuscan, Toronto, No. 447, Feb. 18, 1927, First degree.
 St. Albans, Toronto, No. 514, Feb. 21, 1927, None.
 Zeta, Toronto, No. 410, Feb. 25, 1927, First degree.
 Alpha, Toronto, No. 384, Mar. 3, 1927, Third degree.
 Ulster, Toronto, No. 537, Mar. 7, 1927, First degree.
 Shamrock, Toronto, No. 533, Mar. 15, 1927, First degree.
 Blackwood, Woodbridge, No. 311, Mar. 18, 1927, First degree.
 Huron Bruce, Toronto, No. 611, Mar. 21, 1927, Third degree.
 Palestine, Toronto, No. 595, Mar. 23, 1927, First degree.
 St. George, Toronto, No. 367, Apr. 1, 1927, First degree.
 Dufferin, Toronto, No. 570, Apr. 5, 1927, Third degree.
 Robertson, King, No. 292, Apr. 11, 1927, First degree.
 Mizpah, Toronto, No. 572, Apr. 28, 1927, First degree.
 Simcoe, Toronto, U.D., May 2, 1927, First degree.
 Cathedral, Toronto, U.D., May 3, 1927, First degree.
 War Veteran, Toronto, No. 586, May 6, 1927, Third degree.
 Vaughan, Maple, No. 54, May 10, 1927, First degree.
 Peel, Caledon East, No. 468, May 13, 1927, Second degree.
 Antiquity, Toronto, No. 571, May 18, 1927, First degree.
 Victory, Toronto, No. 547, May 25, 1927, First degree.

The Work

The work in practically every lodge was exceptionally good. The ruling Masters, Wardens, and Officers in almost every instance are well skilled, enthusiastic, earnest, and fully alive to their duties and responsibilities

as leaders in the Craft. Our long array of Past Masters continue to evince that same pronounced serviceable interest in all things Masonic that has characterized their activities in the years that are past, rendering able and appreciated assistance.

The financial standing, particularly in some of our younger lodges, is not satisfactory. The apparently "Ordinary" expenses are much too high. I have pointed out the absolute necessity of every lodge living within its income, and feel sure this important department in our Masonic life will receive adequate attention.

One cannot but experience, following a close association with the officers and members of the various lodges, a feeling of real pride and confidence in the success and for the future of our Order; and realize beyond expression the wonderful appeal our fraternity continues to enkindle in men of character and ability.

I am delighted to report the important place Benevolence continues to occupy in almost every lodge in the district. I could cite instances innumerable where lodges are assisting to the full those unfortunate brethren in distress, extending cheerfully the Masonic Hand of Charity, never empty—and practising in full measure Benevolence, in the widest and broadest interpretation of that truly Masonic Virtue.

I cannot refrain however from reciting at least two instances: While inspecting one of our older lodges, I chanced to refer to a prominent brother in need of assistance. The lodge immediately voted a substantial sum, and also placed their charity box on the altar giving every brother an opportunity to make a personal contribution. The amount thus received was ample evidence of the important position established for Benevolence in that exemplary lodge.

One of our younger lodges has for some years during the Christmas Season arranged a magnificent Christmas Tree for the children of deceased Masons. Every effort is exerted to reach these children; conveyances bring them to the Assembly room of the Yonge St. Temple

where they are entertained to a glorious banquet, moving pictures, music, singing and a tree laden with countless presents of real value. The cost, which is considerable, is borne by the individual members of that lodge, keeping the lodge funds intact.

Lodge of Instruction

On Saturday afternoon and evening of April 30th, 1927, a Lodge of Instruction was held at the Yonge St. Temple, Toronto. R.W. Bro. H. J. Alexander, D.D.G.M. Toronto District "A" had charge of the first degree, exemplified by W. Bro. W. J. T. Wright, Ruling Master, and Officers of University Lodge; R.W. Bro. J. D. Spence, D.D.G.M. Toronto District "B" presided over the second degree, exemplified by W. Bro. H. Freestone, Ruling Master, and Officers of Alpha Lodge; while R.W. Bro. W. E. Hopkings, D.D.G.M. Toronto District "C" reviewed the third degree, exemplified by W. Bro. A. J. Everett, Ruling Master, and officers of St. George Lodge.

Following the completion of each degree, the brethren were invited to present any questions relating to the work, and after consideration by the D.D.G.M.'s, these were answered and explained satisfactorily by the Presiding D.D.G.M.

While this Lodge of Instruction was somewhat disappointing in certain respects—particularly in the attendance—from the keen interest displayed by those present, the remarkable number of pointed and very proper interrogations, and the commendable familiarity with the work evinced by the Officers particularly, I am quite convinced a lodge of instruction occupies a very necessary and important place in every district; and I would recommend they be continued, alternating in the four Toronto Districts, probably changing the form as is thought advisable.

Recommendations and Suggestions

1. Attendance—It is to be regretted the phase of Masonic activity is not entirely satisfactory. The average attendance of members in our City Lodge is about

22% at regular meetings and at emergency meetings about 14%. I feel sure this is due in a large measure to

(a) Late hours—too frequently the lodge banquet is not completed until after 12.00 p.m.

(b) Uninteresting entertainment at our banquets. Too many unnecessary addresses by Past Masters and Ruling Masters.

(c) Insufficient opportunity given that members become better acquainted.

2. More attention to ventilation in our lodge rooms. I am convinced this can be remedied if Wor. Master co-operate with the Hall Management.

3. Greater interest and care in the management of Lodge Finances. A Finance Committee would seem indispensable in every lodge and there is urgent necessity in curtailing lodge expenses, particularly entertainment.

4. More serious and strict attention in regard to collection of dues. Too many brethren in arrears. It is impossible for any secretary to attend this very important work properly. He should have help. This assistance could be of advantage in several ways:

(a) The lodge would be in close touch with every member.

(b) Those brethren requiring assistance, whether financial or otherwise, and probably rather sensitive in acknowledging the need, would immediately be brought to the attention of the lodge.

(c) Occasions requiring the remission of dues would receive consideration at once.

(d) The elimination of that stereotyped "dunner" and the substituting of a personal sympathetic interest would undoubtedly be beneficial.

5. More interest necessary by Officers and members in the Masonic education and the stimulating of a wholesome activity in our initiates.

6. Especial care in the type and character of our entertainers.

7. Some organized effort to secure the affiliation of the large number of demitted members living in Toronto—estimated at least 5,000. I firmly believe every mason should be actively connected with some lodge unless probably he has reached a prohibitive age.

8. The elimination of two words or phrases from our conversation and addresses—"side-bencher" and "Fourth Degree". Both terms are inelegant and non-descriptive.

Commendation

Certain features of our Masonic life are worthy of especial mention:

1. The excellence of the ritualistic work.
2. The splendid type of officers in the various lodges.
3. The keen and earnest interest manifested in Masonry throughout the district.
4. The unvarying harmony existing in and between lodges.
5. The continued active interest by our long array of splendid Past Masters.
6. The many instances of real Charity in almost every lodge.
7. The loyalty and respect shown at all times to the Most Wor. the Grand Master and his representatives. I should like to mention here, that this respect is not confined to the fraternity.

In closing I wish to thank the many Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, Ruling Masters, Officers and Brethren for their kindly and at all times loyal co-operative support. The happy memory of their associations, and comradeship, will, in the years to come, be to me the most cherished of my recollections, and the

thought of those friendships formed and maintained by that great common bond—the love of our Glorious Fraternity, will ever remain very, very dear to me.

To my three colleagues in office, might I extend my sincere appreciation of their assistance, their many kindnesses and above all their generous and valued friendship which I have enjoyed. Our association has been very close, very congenial and very happy and I am glad of the privilege of paying tribute to their worth as men and as masons.

To the Most Wor. the Grand Master, I also wish to acknowledge my indebtedness for his never failing kindness and patience, his useful and valuable advice and his thoughtfulness and assistance at all times.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. CARSON,

D.D.G.M. Toronto District "D"

VICTORIA DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit my report for your consideration on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District for the year just closing, 1927.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. A. T. Porter District Secretary to whom I am greatly indebted for his faithful services and his kind assistance during my work for the year. I must first express my sincere thanks to the district for the high honor conferred upon

me in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and for their splendid support given me throughout the entire district during my term of office. I wish also to extend my hearty thanks to the brethren of Faithful Brethren Lodge who so kindly accompanied me on my visits.

Official Visits

I made my first official visit to Victoria Lodge, Kirkfield, on Friday, October 15th, 1926. We had a good meeting. There was a large number of the brethren of the Victoria Lodge present. The officers were in good shape for new officers. There was no work on so I examined them in all the different degrees and then put on the Board of Trial which was worked well.

On October 21st, 1926, I visited North Entrance Lodge, Haliburton. There was no work on there that night so I put the lodge through the three degrees and the usual Board of Trial which they did right up to the mark. These officers have only been in office three months and their work was good.

On November 19th, 1926, I visited Arcadia Lodge, Minden. The roads were very bad but there was a good

turn out of the brethren, some coming as far as thirty miles. We had a good time. The officers put on the second degree in fine form. This lodge is my Mother Lodge and I was made there twenty-six years ago and was pleased to meet some of my old friends. Three only are left there: W. Bro. D. J. Hartle, W. Bro. Graham and W. Bro. J. Welsh. The usual Board of Trial and the examination of the third degree were put on, which was well done.

On Feb. 4th, 1927, I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, accompanied by seven D.D.G.M.'s and three V.W. Masters. After we were received the lodge was opened in the second degree, which was worked by W. Bro. Warner and his officers. It was done in first class style. We then went up into the third degree where the usual Board of Trial was put on by R.W. Bro. Groves, V.W. Bro. Wickett and R.W. Bro. Fulton. Bro. C. L. Davidson was the applicant. After this Bro. E. M. Mitchell was examined in the work of the third degree for his certificate.

On Feb. 21st, 1927, I visited Gothic Lodge, Lindsay, accompanied by District Secretary W. Bro. A. T. Porter and V.W. Bro. Cresswell. The lodge was opened in the second degree which was conferred by W. Bro. Crichton and his officers and the work was well done. The usual Board of Trial was put on by W. Bro. Stubbings, W. Bro. Warner and W. Bro. Brimmell. Bro. J. Lytle was the applicant who had his work up well. The lodge was then closed down for examination in the first degree where the Junior Warden gave his lecture very well.

On April 7th, 1927, I visited Lorne Lodge, Omemee. There was a good turn out of members. The officers put on the third degree in the very best manner. The Past Master put on the usual Board of Trial which was good. The lodge was then closed down in the several degrees, where the Wardens were examined in their lectures. W. Bro. Latterson, the newly appointed Sheriff of Victoria and Haliburton Counties was presented with a Past Master's Jewel and illuminated address showing the respect and esteem in which he was held in this lodge.

On April 15th, 1927, Good Friday, I visited Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. W. Hall, District Secretary W. Bro. Porter, V.W. Bro. Heaslip and Bro. Will Hall of Lindsay. As this was the Annual Meeting held every Good Friday there was a large turnout of Brethren from all over the district including Kinmount, Coboconk, Beaverton, Woodville, Omemee and Bobcaygeon. Lodge was called at 5.00 p.m. After the D.D.G.M. was received the lodge was called off at 5.30 p.m. to retire to the banquet hall where a sumptuous hot dinner was served. After dinner the usual toast lists were carried on interspersed by music. The speaker of the evening was Rev. Bro. Seymore who spoke on the Brotherhood of Man and Fellowship among Men of the World. Lodge was called on again at 8 p.m. where they went up into the Third Degree, this degree being conferred by the officers and members of the Spry Lodge. It was done without any comment whatever. The usual Board of Trial was put on by R.W. Bro. Townley and R.W. Bro. Burgoyne. The lodge then closed down in the second and first degrees where the wardens gave their lectures alternatively. The D.D.G.M. had no comments to make.

On April 29th I visited Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Some one hundred and fifty all told from Peterboro, Toronto, Fenelon Falls, Kinmount, Omemee, Lindsay, Beaverton and Woodville. Five brethren came from North Gate Lodge, East York accompanied by R.W. Bro. Hopkings of District No. 11 C. W. Bro. Potts and his officers put on the first degree which was well done. The D.D.G.M. specially mentions the work of the Junior Warden who is the oldest Warden in years in the District being 65 years of age, his work being perfectly correct. The second and third degrees were gone up into and the officers examined and found to be well skilled. The usual Board of Trial being put on by three Past Masters of Verulam Lodge.

On May 10th, 1927, I visited Murray Lodge, Beaverton, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. W. Hall, acting secretary and V.W. Bro. Cresswell and W. Bro. Warner of Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay. There were also two car loads of brethren from No. 77 and Gothic Lodge. There were visiting brethren from Barry,

Orillia, Woodville, Cannington, Sunderland, Uxbridge and Toronto. W. Bro. Gilchrist and his officers put on the first degree and it was well done. The other two degrees were gone up into and the wardens and Masters were examined on their lectures and the secret work of the third degree. The Board of Trial was exemplified by three Past Masters of the Murray Lodge and it was well done.

On May 12th I visited Summerville Lodge, Kinmount, and was greeted by a very large number of members of the lodge and visiting brethren of the district from Bobcaygeon, Minden, Haliburton, Fenelon Falls and Coboconk. R.W. Bro. Townley was acting Secretary. W. Bro. Hopkings and his officers put on the first degree which was done in first class form. This lodge is in keeping with the rest of the lodges of the district for attendance and work. While we were waiting for the candidate to come Bro. J. R. Mark, ex.M.P.P. presented the D.D.G.M. with a Grand Lodge Report of the Grand Lodge in Canada in the year 1861, for the D.D.G.M. to present to Faithful Brethren Lodge on its 70th Anniversary of the Report of Faithful Brethren Lodge in the years 1860 and 1861 in the village of Oakwood, Bro. Mark's Father being the W. Master of the lodge in that year. The book is 67 years old and is well preserved. After the candidate was initiated the lodge was opened up in the second and third degrees and the officers examined as to the proficiency in these degrees. The usual Board of Trial being put on by three Past Masters of the lodge which was well done.

On May 16th I visited Harding Lodge, Woodville. It was a very wet night but there was a large turn out of members and visiting brethren from the western part of the district. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. Groves, V.W. Bro. Heaslip and Bro. T. Griffin. They came from Cannington, Sunderland, Beaverton, Port Perry and Toronto. V.W. Bro. Heaslip was the acting secretary. The W. Master and his officers put on the third degree which was well rendered. The officers in the third degree were examined on the lectures and secret work and were found to be on a par with the rest of

the lodges of the district. The lodge room was crowded to the doors.

On May 23rd, I visited King George V. Lodge, Coboconk, this being my last visit. I was greeted with a very large turn out of members of the lodge and visiting brethren of the district from Beaverton, Fenelon Falls, Kinmount and Woodville. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. Hall, acting secretary, V.W. Bro. Cresswell and Bro. Warner of No. 77, Lindsay. This night being a terrible wet one the roads were bad but through it all we had a wonderful night. W. Bro. Rettie and his officers put on the first degree and it was well done, leaving no room for comment. These officers are young men and are well versed in the other degrees and are on a par with the rest of the lodges of the district.

This closes my work for the year 1927 and I find from having visited other lodges in the district that the work is as nearly uniform as can be got. The Masters and Officers take a deep interest in their work and try to do it as nearly right as possible. Peace and Good Fellowship prevail all through the district.

Yours fraternally,

SIDNEY JOHNSTON,
D.D.G.M. Victoria District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with pleasure and gratification that I submit for your consideration my report on the conditions of Masonry in Wellington District and in accordance with expression given at last Grand Lodge will endeavour to make it as brief as possible.

In the first place, however, I wish to again express my appreciation of the high honour the brethren of Wellington District conferred upon me and on Waverley Lodge, in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also of the loyal support and cordial reception accorded me at all times by the brethren throughout the whole district.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. H W. Hinman as District Secretary who has given me loyal support throughout the year and Rev. Dr. A. J. MacGillivray, District Chaplain. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance given me by R. W. Bro. Barraclough, R. W. Bro. J. T. Power and R. W. Bro. C. Penfold, V.W. Bro. A. W. Baker and Bro. J. T. Cameron, who accompanied me on many occasions while visiting the lodges in the district; in fact every Past District Deputy G.M. in the district has shown a keen interest and contributed in no small measure to the high state of proficiency in the work which I found in the various lodges, and in making my visits most pleasant indeed.

One of the most pleasing and interesting events during my term of office was the occasion of the official visit of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master John A. Rowland to Wellington District, Nov. 11, 1926. The meeting was held in the Guelph City Hall, over five hundred Masons from the district being present and every lodge represented. The Grand Master gave a wonderful

address on Masonic principles which will long be remembered by every one who heard it. R.W. Bro. Herrington also gave a very interesting address on Grand Lodge; music was supplied by brethren from Galt and Kitchener. Altogether it was a most successful evening manifested by profit and pleasure to all.

On May 11, I held a Lodge of Instruction under the auspices of Speed Lodge, there was a splendid attendance and keen interest shown. Waterloo Lodge exemplified the first degree and it was splendidly done.

Conestogo Lodge exemplified the second degree; they also did well. Speed Lodge exemplified the third degree in the evening. Altogether the work was of high order and beneficial to all. In the evening a banquet was held in the banquet hall. R.W. Bro. Dargavel gave a very interesting address which was very much enjoyed by all. R.W. Bro. Anderson of Toronto also addressed the brethren.

Official Visits

On October 1st my first official visit was made to Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, when the 3rd degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Milligan and his officers in a very efficient manner. This lodge is in a very healthy condition has a splendid staff of officers and excellent secretary in R.W. Bro. P. Perry. R.W. Bro. Barraclough accompanied me on this occasion and addressed the meeting.

On October 5, I visited Conostogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, in company with M.W. Bro. Ponton. This meeting was in the form of a Ladies' Night, no degree work was put on but a most enjoyable evening was spent. M.W. Bro. Ponton gave a most inspiring address as was expected and it was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. Have no hesitation in putting O.K. to Conostogo Lodge.

On October 11 I visited New Hope Lodge No. 279, Hespeler when W. Bro. Forbes and his officers exemplified the third degree in a very capable manner. Their

lodge room is not in very good condition, having a leaky roof, which seems to give a good deal of trouble and keeps their rooms in a rather unsightly appearance but which they hope to overcome in the near future. Books and dues in good condition, and a very enthusiastic set of officers.

On October 15 I visited Irvine Lodge No. 203, Elora. This was one of the most enthusiastic meetings I attended in the whole district. There was a splendid attendance of the members and many from outside. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Schoeder and his officers in a very creditable manner. I had the unique experience of being escorted from the lodge room to the Banquet hall by a Highlander playing the bag pipes; it appealed to me very much and I don't think it killed any of the other brethren, although the District Secretary was laid up for sometime afterwards. Masonry in Elora is in a splendid condition, benevolent fund of over \$500.00.

On October 19, I visited Glenrose Lodge, No. 628, Elmira. Glenrose is the baby lodge in this district; we are proud of our baby and have good reason to be so. It is a very lively lodge; a good set of enthusiastic officers. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Jarrell and his officers in a manner which reflected great credit to them. They have a very convenient lodge room, Masonry has a bright future in Elmira, although in this they were the highest in the district the dues outstanding were less than \$20.00.

On October 22 I visited Twin City Lodge, No. 509, Kitchener, receiving a most cordial reception. This lodge along, with Grand River Lodge, meet in the same building; they have a very fine lodge room, preparation and lounge rooms and Craft Club. The meeting was one of both profit and pleasure; the work, the exemplification of the first degree, was of a high order indeed. W. Bro. Swenton and his officers left no room for criticism, only commendation, and especially the work of the Junior Warden. There were several D.D.G.M's. in attendance, and I understand that it is very seldom that a Masonic meeting is held in Kitchener without them.

R.W. Bro. DeKleinhans, who is secretary; R.W. Bro. Schiedel and R.W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill, Waterloo, and this I am sure explains in some degree the splendid relationship which exists in this part of our district. The district secretary reported the affairs of the lodge to be in a good condition. In the banquet hall the Rev. Bro. Munro gave a very inspiring address on Masonry.

On Nov. 3, I visited Waterloo Lodge when W. Bro. Jno. Ferguson exemplified the first degree in a very commendable manner. This lodge is in a good healthy condition, the books and affairs of the lodge being under the care of R.W. Bro. C. O. Hemphill, secretary. Rev. Bro. Webb of Kitchener gave a very inspiring address on Masonry.

On Nov. 22 I visited New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, being at the extreme west end of this district. The officers of this lodge are quite efficient in their work, under W. Bro. Harold; they exemplified the second degree very creditably. A very good attendance and an enjoyable evening spent, they have comfortable quarters and the lodge is in good condition.

On Dec. 30 I visited Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt, this meeting took the form of a Past Masters' Reunion and was a most successful meeting under W. Bro. Neil. The Worshipful Master after the business of the evening had been dealt with, the chairs were filled by the Past Masters, W. Bro. J. P. Stewart, W.M.; W. Bro. Finlay Smith I.P.M.; R.W. Bro. J. A. Oliver, Secretary; W. Bro. Ritchie, J.W.; W. Bro. McDougall, S.W.; R.W. Bro. R. S. Hamilton, S.D.; W. Bro. Couch, J.D. The first degree was exemplified the obligation given by W. Bro. Finlay Smith, one of the oldest members of Alma Lodge; the secret work by Wor. Bro. McBean another old member.

On Feb. 8 I visited Guelph Lodge, No. 258. This was on the occasion of the installation of officers, by the officers of Speed Lodge, No. 180. The same courtesy was returned by the officers of Guelph Lodge installing the officers of Speed Lodge the following week. I may say that the best of harmony exists between the three lodges in Guelph namely Speed, Guelph and Waverley.

They have their own Temple, and Joint Board of Relief, and altogether they are in a very flourishing condition. I visited Speed Lodge on the occasion mentioned, installation of officers by the brethren of Guelph Lodge and I can only repeat what I have said in regard to the three lodges in Guelph. I have visited them several times since installation. The officers are competent and doing good work. Waverley Lodge No. 361 my Mother Lodge is in a very flourishing condition. The largest in the district and this year will be the Fiftieth Anniversary a fitting function to celebrate the occasion is being arranged. Masonry in Guelph is very prominent and successful, there being nearly 1,100 Masons in the City.

On March 8 I visited Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Kitchener. Grand River is one of the old reliables and a good number of their members belong to Twin City Lodge, and this I am sure goes a long way towards the harmony that exists between the two. W. Bro. Inrig, the Worshipful Master, and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very able manner. Dues outstanding, small amount, lodge in flourishing condition, ten per cent. of the initiation fees are laid aside for benevolence and have now a very nice fund for that purpose.

On March 11 I visited Credit Lodge No. 219, Georgetown. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Lawson and his officers in a very able manner; this was to be expected, with R.W. Bro. Barrlacough right on the job. The finances are in good shape; a very small amount of dues outstanding. V.W. Bro. Ford who is very capable has been secretary for a number of years, and everything is in first class order.

On March 14 I visited Walker Lodge, Acton, and again met a number of the Georgetown brethren. The distance between these two lodges being such that it is easy for them to visit on nearly every occasion they have a meeting. W. Bro. Wilson and his officers exemplified the first degree very creditably and I can easily say that Walker Lodge is in good condition.

On April 5, I visited Galt Lodge, No. 257. W. Bro. Beattie and officers exemplified the first degree and the work was very well done. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition. The Rev. Bro. Snellgrove gave a very interesting address on Masonry. The two lodges in Galt are to be congratulated on the amount of good talent they have for entertaining. The Maple Leaf Quartette provided music at nearly all their meetings and tends to make them more interesting.

On April 15, Good Friday, I visited Preston Lodge, No. 297, and, although the meeting was held on the holiday, there was a good attendance and a very interesting meeting. W. Bro. Hilburn and his officers exemplified the first degree and was well done. The lodge is in good shape. Financially under the able care of W. Bro. King, the secretary.

On May 11, I visited Ayr Lodge, No. 172, when the lodge was honoured by a Fraternal visit from R.W. Bro. Stillman of Brantford, D.D.G.M. for Brant District and eight past D.D.G.M.'s for Brant District and eight past D.D.G.M's and past secretaries. The brethren from Brant district exemplified the first degree in a manner that was inspiring to all. I may say that this meeting was a very pleasant one for me, there were six past D.D.G.M's from Wellington district who accepted an invitation from Brant District to go to Brantford and work a degree sometime in the Fall. Ayr Lodge is one of the smaller lodges in the district, but though small in membership they are very enthusiastic. They own their own building, and have increased the insurance since the last official visit of the D.D.G.M.

On May 20 I visited Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden. This, I believe is now the smallest lodge in this district with a membership of 36 at the close of 1926, or G.L.meeting there being no initiation this year so far. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Harvey and his officers in a very capable manner. W. Bro. Harper, the Master-elect of Waterloo Lodge, being the candidate. The officers are to be complimented for the efficient manner in which they did their work. There was a good attendance, also a good number of visitors from Kitchener, Waterloo and Guelph.

I have no hesitation in stating that masonry in Wellington District is making real progress. In some instances the membership has not advanced as rapidly as it might have, but the circumstances in such instances fully cover the situation.

I would here refer to the loss to the district in the death of R.W. Bro. Hepburn of Preston, a past D.D.G.M. of the Wellington District. R.W. Bro. Hepburn passed away last August in his ninety-fourth year. R.W. Bro. Hepburn was a very active Mason and a highly respected and valuable member of Preston Lodge No. 297.

Also Bro. J. O. Rose of Guelph; while Bro. Rose had never been in a position to assume the duties of a worshipful master until late in life, he was a highly respected and enthusiastic worker in Scottish Rite Masonry, and a man whom any one would be proud to classify as a friend.

In conclusion I wish again to thank and to express my appreciation to all my R.W. Brethren and Past Masters for the valuable assistance they gave me during my term of office, and I bespeak the same kind consideration and support for my successor. I have endeavoured to serve the district and have been more than repaid in the many new friendships formed and the meeting of so many leading and true men, the source of our order's strength and stability.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. JAFFRAY,

D.D.G.M Wellington District

WILSON DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

To the officers of the various lodges comprising Wilson District I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on and the confidence placed in me by electing me to the position of D.D.G.M. of Wilson District. My reception throughout the district has been most cordial and I cannot speak too highly of the work being done by the various lodges throughout the district. I wish also to express my gratitude to those who so willingly supported me by accompanying me on my visit and who did everything possible to assist me in my work. I am particularly indebted to my secretary, W. Bro. R. H. Reid who accompanied me on every trip and who always had something interesting and instructive to communicate to the brethren in the various lodges; also to R.W. Bro. Montgomery and V.W. Bro. Revell for their companionship and counsel; also the Woodstock Masonic Choir and Bro. Pascoe the organist for their loyal support.

My first act was to appoint W. Bro. Reid, District Secretary and W. Bro. Bryan, Chaplain. Unfortunately the latter found it necessary to leave Woodstock at the beginning of the term and I regretted losing his valuable services.

On Sept. 16, 1926, we visited Walsingham Lodge at Port Rowan where we witnessed the first degree exemplified in almost perfect form by W. M. Hunter and his officers. The lodge owes a great deal of its success to the untiring zeal of its secretary W. Bro. Biddle.

On Sept. 17, 1926, Vienna Lodge was our next visit where I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Clutton, the district's oldest past master. As this was their first meeting since installation the only work was opening and closing in the three degrees. The interests of Masonry are well looked after by R.W. Bro. Clutton.

Springfield Lodge, Springfield, Sept. 20, 1926. This lodge needs no prodding as they are active and progressive. Here we witnessed the presentation of the second degree in a most creditable manner by W. Bro. George Grant and his excellent staff of officers. This lodge owes a great deal of its success to its Past Master. Books and records are in excellent shape.

We journeyed down on Sept. 21 to Oriental Lodge at Port Burwell, where I was introduced by two of the oldest Past Masters in the district, R.W. Bro. Clutton of Vienna and Bro. Backhouse of Port Burwell, the two grand old patriarchs of Masonry in Wilson district. The work of the second degree was most efficiently put on. Here I had the privilege of presenting the 50 year service jewel to W. Bro. Burwell of Port Burwell.

Delhi, Oct. 18, 1926. Here I was introduced by W. Bro. Max MacPherson, second degree was put on in an almost perfect manner. The officers, specially the Deacons, need special mention and the candidate was one who no doubt will make an excellent Mason.

Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip, Oct. 21, 1926. This was my first experience in installation of officers but I was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Montgomery and Past Masters. Oak Branch is a very live lodge.

Doric Lodge, Lakeside. This is a very active lodge and we witnessed the first degree put on in a most creditable manner by W. Bro. Harris and his officers. The minutes and records are well kept. Since visiting Lakeside we learned with deep regret of the great loss sustained by Lakeside in the death of their former secretary Frank Seaton who has been the guiding spirit of the lodge for years.

Dereham Lodge, Mount Elgin, Nov. 2, 1926. This baby lodge of the district we found in a very healthy and thriving condition. The second degree was put on almost as near perfection as could be done. This lodge is only three years old but is forging rapidly ahead.

Blenheim Lodge, Princeton, Nov. 19, 1926. W. Bro. Cockburn and the officers exemplified the three degrees in a most creditable manner. Books and records are all well kept and the lodge is in a thriving condition.

St. John's Lodge, Norwich, Nov. 23, 1926. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Dr. Moles. The second degree was put on by W. Bro. Barham and his officers. No criticism could be found of their work as the team work was excellent and the candidate was of the type who ought to make a good Mason. St. John's Lodge is in well appointed rooms and everything looks neat and trim and they are to be congratulated on their quarters.

Plattsville, Dec. 17, 1926. Owing to an accident with our car we were late in arriving but succeeded in installing the officers, in which I was assisted by R.W. Bro. Montgomery and W. Bro. Revell. It was felt that installation night in Plattsville should be changed and we are pleased to see that a notice of motion was put through and finally passed making the installation in the early fall when roads will be much easier to travel. Plattsville has a number of earnest persevering Masons who carry on the work in a most creditable manner.

Thistle Lodge, Embro, April 14, 1927. Accompanied by my brethren from Woodstock I visited Thistle Lodge where the third degree was put on in faultless manner by W. Bro. McCorquodale and his Officers. It is just a year ago their new lodge room was dedicated and they are gradually acquiring fine quarters for their meetings and recreation. There are many active Masonic workers in this lodge.

Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, April 22, 1927. This is one of the most historic and oldest lodges in the Dominion being the home lodge of Most. Wor. Bro. Mercer Wilson, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Here I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Johnson, and was pleased to see the work in the second degree exemplified in such an excellent manner. Unfortunately for some time there has been some misunderstanding among some of the members producing an internal friction which only can be eradicated from within.

King Hiram and St. John's Lodges, Ingersoll. This being the joint installation of officers for these two lodges, I regretted being unable on account of sickness to be present, but was most ably represented by R.W. Bro. Montgomery and Archibald who duly and regularly installed the officers and reported a very successful meeting.

King Hiram Lodge, Tillsonburg, May 11, 1927. Accompanied by a number of brethren we visited King Hiram Lodge where I was introduced by R.W. Bro. McQueen and Bro. McDonald. The third degree was exemplified in most creditable and faultless manner by W. Bro. Hall and officers. The Masonic spirit amongst the brethren in Tillsonburg is very commendable. The officers are well assisted by their Past Masters who are watchful for the best interests of the lodge. The books are exceptionally well kept by R.W. Bro. McQueen. The quality of work done and the condition of Masonry in this district are of the highest order. In general the meetings are well attended and the Past Masters have not forgotten to take that interest in Masonry which makes for the welfare of their lodges by giving their loyal support, energy and time.

Erie Lodge, Port Dover, May 16, 1927. This is the home lodge of our Deputy Grand Master, John S. Martin and I found this lodge very active and loyal to Masonry. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Waddell and witnessed the exemplification of the third degree put on in a most creditable manner. The brethren have comfortable quarters and the meetings are well attended.

Victoria Lodge, Victoria June 17, 1927. Here the third degree was most effectively put on with some variations from the regular ritual but at the same time most impressively. The brethren have splendid quarters with large and commodious rooms and banquet hall and are very active Masons.

The Past Masters' Association of Wilson District formed a year ago, has been well attended and many interesting and instructive addresses have been given by well known speakers. Since its organization it has been

the means of bringing the Past Masters together to make themselves better acquainted and to discuss matters of importance appertaining to the district.

May 3rd, 1927 we were honored by a visit to the district by the Most Wor. the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. John A. Rowland, accompanied by R.W. Bro. John S. Martin, Deputy Grand Master and several Grand Lodge officers. The address of welcome was given by R.W. Bro. Clutton in his own sincere cordial manner. The address of the Grand Master was highly appreciated as were also the addresses from R.W. Bros. J. S. Martin, Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. Bros. Logan and Herrington, which were much enjoyed.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my trips and for the courtesies extended to me during the year, and I trust that my successor will receive the same consideration that I have enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. STEVENS,

D.D.G.M. Wilson District.

WINDSOR DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in Windsor District during the past Masonic year. I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the brethren of the district for electing me to the position of District Deputy Grand Master and to the officers and members of the various lodges for their many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to me.

I did not take over the duties of the office until about Feb. 1st. owing to illness and death in my family. During this time the affairs of the district were taken care of by the immediate Past D.D.G.M. Bro. E. T. Howe. I appointed W. Bro. Alvin Bunn, of Leamington Lodge No. 290, District Secretary, who accompanied me on nearly all of my official visits.

The lodges of the District have all been officially visited either by Bro. Howe or myself. On each of these visits the officers conferred a degree, and the work was, in every instance, very well done. On most occasions one or more Past Masters assisted with the work, and in some of the lodges various parts of the Master's work were taken by some of the junior officers. All the lodges of the District will show an increase in membership. All have suitable lodge rooms and the necessary equipment; and most of them are in good condition financially. The attendance is not as good as we might wish. It is rather hard to give any reason for this condition but one thing we feel is most necessary and that is that something must be done to make the meetings of greater interest to the man who spends his evening with us. We cannot expect members to attend regularly unless they hear something more than the constant repetition of degree work. We must make him feel that his evening has been well spent and worth the effort to attend. The Past

Masters' Association of this district, which has recently taken on a new lease of life, should be of material assistance along this line by preparing papers on Masonic subjects, furnishing speakers and assisting in a general way to make meetings of more interest to all members.

One of the most interesting and pleasing features that I wish to especially mention, is the very friendly, cordial and truly fraternal spirit which exists throughout the whole district. Practically all of the lodges of the district have exchanged fraternal visits during the year. These visits should accomplish much good. I believe that they are a greater inducement to the officers to become proficient in their work, than the occasional lecture from the District Deputy.

Just a word as regards entertainment provided at these visits. Many lodges have not encouraged visits on account of the expense involved, and I wish to say that it is the fraternal spirit that counts and on most occasions a very simple lunch is all that is required. Should a dinner or banquet be provided it should be self-supporting as far as the cost of it is concerned.

I wish also to report the friendly relation that exists between the Masons of this District and the Masons in adjoining Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan. It is very common occurrence for the members from these Grand Jurisdictions to exchange visits. Palestine Lodge of Detroit held what they called International Night. The brethren of Windsor District were invited to attend, enjoy a banquet, meet many of the prominent Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan and to witness a third degree at the close of the banquet. They found it quite a task to provide accommodation for the fifteen hundred who accepted their invitation. The Canadians presented the Worshipful Master of Palestine Lodge with a Loving Cup as a memento of a very interesting and happy occasion.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro. Rowland made two visits to this district during the past year. He, along with the Grand Secretary, Bro. Logan, attended and assisted with the ceremony of installation

in Great Western No. 47. Most Worshipful Bro. Chas. A. Donaldson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was also an honored guest at this meeting.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and a number of other Grand Officers, met about nine hundred members of the Craft in Windsor on April 8th. The Grand Master delivered a very pleasing and instructive address, one of much value to those who were fortunate to attend. Addresses were also given by a number of other prominent Masons present.

Grand Lodge assembled once in the district during the year, on June 11th, in the school room of the Church of Ascension, in Windsor, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of their new church. This ceremony was conducted on the same site as the old church which had been destroyed by fire last year. Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by R.W. Bro. J. S. Martin. Procession formed and marched to the church, lead by the band. After the stone had been declared "Well Made; Truly Laid" by Bro. Martin, short addresses were given by Bro. Martin and Bro. Hartley, Assistant Grand Chaplain. The procession then re-formed, marched back to the school room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

In conclusion I wish to again express my thanks to the brethren of the District for the many kindnesses extended to me during the year and to bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration and ready assistance which in various ways assisted in making my work easy and pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. SETTERINGTON,

D.D.G.M. Windsor District

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The report of the Committee on Warrants was read by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Warrants beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of the lodges under dispensation and recommend that Warrants be granted to the following:

Anthony Sayer Lodge, Toronto A District, as No. 640.

Garden Lodge, Windsor District, as No. 641.

St. Andrew's Lodge, Windsor District, as No. 642.

Cathedral Lodge, Toronto D District, as No. 643.

Simcoe Lodge, Toronto D District, as No. 644.

Lake Shore Lodge, Toronto A District, as No. 645.

Your Committee desire to express their appreciation of the uniformly good work shown by the books and records of these new lodges. They are entering on their Masonic life well equipped, under the control of men who thoroughly understand their duties and properly forearmed for any emergency which may arise. We believe that they will conform to and maintain the high standard expected of Masonic lodges in our jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. YOUNG,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young and resolved: That the report of the Board of Warrants be received and adopted.

M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt read the report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to report:

There is only one Notice of Motion in the hands of the Grand Secretary. V.W. Bro. A. S. McPherson gives notice that he will move as follows:

To eliminate Rule 2 on Benevolence, page 114, Grand Lodge Constitution, and substitute therefor the following:—In any city or district in which there are lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, there may be established, by the vote of a majority of the lodges in said city or district, a local board of relief. Such local boards shall be composed of representatives from each lodge in such city or district, elected annually by open vote of the members present at the election of officers of the lodge, and shall have power to frame a code of by-laws and elect a chairman and a secretary-treasurer, and when the formation of such board and its by-laws have been approved by the Board of General Purposes, the same shall be considered a duly constituted Local Board of Relief under Grand Lodge.

There is no legal or constitutional objection to the motion. Your Committee therefore recommend that it be submitted to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. HARCOURT,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies was read by R.W. Bro. R. T. Richardson, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Printing and Supplies, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:

That they have pleasure in presenting the detailed analysis of the Expenditure for Printing and Supplies for the year ending May 31st, 1927.

Preliminary Reports, 1926.....	\$ 441.84	
Proceedings 1926.....	3,062.09	
Binding returns.....	\$105.52	
Receipt Books.....	38.35	
Return forms.....	101.41	
Certificates.....	18.09	
		263.37
Stationery and Supplies.....		153.06
Christmas cards.....		17.59
Circulars.....		65.73
Ceremonies.....	110.58	
Constitutions (1926).....	2,194.76	
Inserts (1926).....	70.88	
Constitutions (1927).....	1,727.69	
		4,103.91
Boxes and cartons.....		99.45
		\$8,207.04

Your Committee would call to the attention of Grand Lodge that the contract for printing the Annual Proceedings expires this year and recommend that they be authorized to call for tenders for the printing of the

Proceedings for a term of years and to make such contract as shall seem to them most advantageous to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would also advise that a new issue of the Book of Constitution became necessary and they are glad to report that they were able to secure more favorable terms, which has resulted in a saving of about three cents per copy.

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. T. Richardson and resolved: That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and on motion of the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton it was resolved: That the report of the Board on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted, and that the report be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The following special report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was read by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, as follows:
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee have carried on an extensive correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions and especially with England, Scotland, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, regarding the official recognition of and a possible exchange of representatives with Grand Jurisdictions in Europe and Central and South America, not at present officially recognized by this Grand Lodge.

We have not yet been able to collate completely the information obtained, or to apply the general test of our Craft qualification to the individual Grand Lodges concerned, as our reports are not yet complete, nor has the attitude of these Grand Lodges been definitely ascertained so that, although at least four or five appear to be of exceptional merit and standing and appeal most favourably to your Committee, yet, we do not feel justified in officially recommending any definitely to Grand Lodge this year. Pending further enquiries and diplomatic correspondence, your Committee undertake, if continued in office, to carry on, so that a comprehensive, satisfying and reliable report may be presented at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge. Mean time it is hoped that this Grand Lodge, ranking tenth in membership among the Grand Jurisdictions of the world, may, during the ensuing year, be privileged to receive and to exchange communications from and with other Grand Lodges, who may desire to enter into fraternal relations officially with us, and who have not already done so.

Your committee recommend that, for the purpose of establishing a standard, the basic requirements essential to recognition of any foreign Grand Lodge be declared to be:

1. That such Grand body has been regularly and validly constituted as an independent and sovereign Grand Lodge.

2. That its purposes are fraternal and charitable, seeking the advancement of the individual and the community, to the exclusion of political and sectarian activities, propaganda and controversy.

3. Acknowledgment of a belief in God, the Supreme Being.

4. The open Volume of the Sacred Law, indispensably present in the lodges, while at work.

5. That it makes Masons of men only.

6. The substantial division of symbolic Masonry into three degrees, as established and practised in this Grand Lodge.

7. That it occupies exclusively territorial jurisdiction or shares the same with another by mutual consent and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic body.

Your Committee submit that these should be necessary pre-requisites to that recognition and acknowledgment, referred to in sections 139 and 140 of our Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton and resolved: That the supplementary report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

The report of the Committee on Benevolence was read by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, as follows:

To the Most Wor. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Wor. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report that our benevolent activities for the year ended May 31st, 1927, can be summarized as follows:

Grants from the General Fund authorized at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.....	\$ 92,160.00	
Interim grants from the General Fund by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and President of the Board of General Purposes	\$ 3,660.00	
		\$ 95,820.00
Grants from the Interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund	\$4,680.00	
Grants made by the Lodges as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.Ms. (estimated).....	\$ 90,000.00	
The Committee has received at this Annual Communication 704 applications for consideration, and it is recommended that 5 of these be declined, and grants be made subject to the Supervisor's Inspection as follows:		
352 granted through the local boards amounting to.....	\$ 54,110.00	
347 granted through the Lodges amounting to.....	50,555.00	
	\$104,665.00	
Less an approximate 6% reduction by Inspection and death.....	6,280.00	
		98,385.00
Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge—		
Miss Mary Wilson.....	500.00	
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75.00	
		575.00
Total amount of Interim Grants (estimated) from the General Fund.....		4,000.00
Grants recommended from the Interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication..		3,060.00
Additional Interim Grants from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....		2,140.00
Total.....		\$108,160.00

We are pleased to report that there is a considerable decrease this year in the number of Lodges that have failed to forward their applications for Benevolent Grants, but we still have 20 delinquents which are liable under sections 2 and 160 of the Constitution to forfeit their franchise for this Session of Grand Lodge.

It is also recommended that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

Your Committee acknowledges with gratification and thankfulness the generous co-operation on the part of some of our lodges in contributing more wisely and generously to the care of their dependants, and thus relieving to some extent the demands on the financial resources of Grand Lodge. This has enabled your Committee to discharge our duties and responsibilities to the ever increasing number of applications and in some instances to render a greater measure of comfort and service to our more needy and distressed brethren and their families. But we cannot fail to recognize that our membership is steadily increasing, consequently the requests for aid are also increasing, and if Grand Lodge is to continue to extend efficiently and generously relief and consolation more of our Lodges, especially those with a larger membership, must so arrange their fees and the amount of their annual dues to make systematic provision for their dependants. Let us avoid making our benevolent efforts spasmodic, acting under the impulse of the moment, no matter how worthy the cause may be, but rather may we make a regular and definite contribution from the Annual Revenue of our Lodges to a Benevolent Fund that may be utilized as the occasion requires to lighten the sorrow, to carry relief and comfort where the need is most urgent and the call most deserving.

We also believe it is opportune and in many instances necessary to remind our lodges that the field of Masonic Benevolence is not covered by the mere granting of financial assistance. The Supervisor of Benevolence, R.W. Bro. Rowe in his faithful, efficient and conscientious efforts is rendering the most valuable and meritorious service in counselling and advising many of our

dependants in the days of their greatest trials and unforeseen troubles. But large is our jurisdiction, numerous are our dependants, complex and difficult are their problems, consequently we must appeal to our Constituent Lodges and to the individual brethren, to make our Masonic precepts positive and vitalizing forces in directing and supervising where necessary, not only the financial, but likewise the physical, mental, and even spiritual welfare of our dependants, more especially the orphans of our deceased brethren. Therein is a sacred trust, the great opportunity for Masonic Service, the most urgent of our Masonic duties. May we be blessed with a broader vision, a higher conception, and a more comprehensive grasp of our privileges of not only GIVING, but also in DOING that we may exemplify in a practical way the true essence of our Masonic Charity.

We feel that we should again extend our sincere and most gracious felicitations to our Veteran Inspector, R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon. For thirty-six consecutive years he has celebrated his birthday in attending the Annual Session of the Committee on Benevolence. At the meeting of the Committee this year we took the opportunity on behalf of Grand Lodge and also we believe of all Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, to congratulate him on his buoyant vigor and vitality on his 80th birthday, and likewise expressed our appreciation of the untiring, the unselfish, and conscientious services he has rendered to this Grand Lodge for more than half a century.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and resolved: That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

The report of the Committee on Audit and Finance was read by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, through the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. They have also verified the annual statement for the year ending May 31st, 1927, which is certified by the auditor of Grand Lodge, and your committee find it correct.

RECEIPTS

For the Year Ending May 31st, 1927

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1926.....	\$ 30,782.24	
Less outstanding cheques....	4,564.19	
		\$ 26,218.05
Receipts from Lodges—		
Fees, registration of initiations.....	15,045.00	
Registration of affiliations.....	739.50	
Dues.....	103,292.00	
Certificates.....	108.00	
Constitutions.....	2,755.00	
Ceremonies.....	164.00	
Dispensations.....	911.00	
Commutation of dues.....	6,048.00	
Warrants.....	90.00	
Musical Rituals.....	60.00	
Miscellaneous.....	1,002.00	
Refund Grand Lodge expenses 1926.....	172.45	
Refund from Kerr Lodge, No. 230.....	33.79	
		\$130,420.74
Interest on investments.....	17,172.66	
Interest on bank deposits.....	984.59	
		18,157.25
		148,577.99

Investment Account—

Debentures matured—

City of Brockville.....

352.45

\$175,148.49**EXPENDITURE****General Charges—**

Grand Secretary, to May 31st, 1927.....	\$ 6,000.00	
Office staff.....	6,800.00	
Grand Treasurer's Clerk....	400.00	
Auditor's Fees.....	600.00	
Fraternal Correspondence..	250.00	
Grand Master's travelling expenses.....	1,500.00	
Grand Master, stenographer	300.00	
D.G. Master, travelling expenses.....	250.00	
Office rent.....	1,000.00	
Safety vault rent.....	40.00	
Incidental expenses.....	1,500.00	
Grand Lodge expenses, Ft. William and Pt. Arthur...	6,945.04	
Telephone.....	78.48	
Insurance, furniture and bond premiums.....	213.13	
Vault fixtures.....	250.00	
Printing, stationery, etc.....	567.40	
Proceedings, 1926.....	3,070.34	
Postage on Proceedings.....	223.00	
Ceremonies.....	110.58	
Certificates and warrants..	89.29	
Constitutions.....	3993.33	
Postage, Chairmen of Committees.....	40.00	
Past Masters' 50 year jewels.....	9165.75	
Miscellaneous.....	78.75	
		\$ 34,465.0
Supervisor of Benevolence.....	\$3,000.00	
Inspector of Benevolence.....	1,200.00	
Supervisor's travelling expenses and stenographer.....	685.56	
		4,885.56
Benevolence grants.....		95,820.00
		\$135,170.65

Investments Purchased—

Canada Permanent Trust Cor. (guaranteed 5%).....	10,000.00	
City of Windsor, 5%.....	10,241.10	
		20,241.10

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1927.....	22,107.87	
Less outstanding cheques....	<u>2,371.13</u>	
		19,736.74
		<u>\$175,148.49</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND**For Year Ending May 31st, 1927****RECEIPTS**

Balance at credit of account in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1926....	\$ 3,096.01	
Less outstanding Cheques.....	<u>955.00</u>	
		\$ 2,141.01
Received from lodges.....	\$ 310.00	
Interest on investments.....	5,244.16	
Interest on bank deposits.....	108.10	
Benevolence cheques can- celled.....	<u>85.00</u>	
		5,747.26
Investment Account—		
Belleville debenture matured.....	\$ 820.28	
Calgary debenture matured.....	4,000.00	
Windsor debenture matured.....	1,415.04	
Berlin debenture matured.....	<u>101.40</u>	
		6,336.72
		<u>\$ 14,224.99</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent orders.....	4,680.00	
Investment Account—		
Toronto General Trusts Corporation, guaranteed investment 5%.....	<u>6,235.00</u>	
		10,915.00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1927.....	4,584.99	
Less outstanding cheques....	<u>1,275.00</u>	
		3,309.99
		<u>\$ 14,224.99</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT, 1926**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

At credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1926.....	\$ 26,218.05	
Investments per schedule, face value.....	<u>310,646.02</u>	
		\$336,864.07

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

At credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce		
May 31st, 1926.....	2,141.01	
Investments as per schedule, face value..	103,504.59	
		105,645.60
		<u>\$442,509.67</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT, 1927

GENERAL ACCOUNT

At credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1927.....	\$ 22,107.87	
Less outstanding cheques....	2,371.13	
		19,736.74
Investments per schedule, face value.....	330,293.67	
		<u>350,030.31</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

At credit in Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1927.....	\$ 4,584.99	
Less outstanding cheques....	1,275.00	
		3,309.99
Investments as per schedule, face value..	103,402.87	
		<u>106,712.86</u>
		456,743.17
Capital increase		\$ 14,233.50

Summary	1927	1926	Increase	Decrease
Investments, General A/c...	\$330,293.67	\$310,646.02	\$19,647.55	
Investments, Semi-Centennial Account	103,402.87	103,504.59		101.72
Bank Balance, General Act.	19,736.74	26,218.05		6,481.31
Bank Balance, Semi-Centennial Account...	3,309.99	2,141.01	1,168.98	
	<u>\$456,743.17</u>	<u>\$442,509.67</u>	<u>\$20,816.53</u>	<u>\$6,583.03</u>
	442,509.67		6,583.03	
Capital Increase	\$ 14,233.50		\$14,233.50	

A detailed statement of both the General and the Semi-Centennial Accounts will be found in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. The books are in good order and are neatly and accurately kept.

Guarantee bonds for the Grand Secretary, the assistant to the Grand Secretary and Miss Place for \$5,000.00 each, and also a combination messenger, pay-master and interior robbery policy for \$5,000.00, all issued by the Fidelity Insurance Company of Canada have been inspected by the committee; the bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same at the expiry thereof.

Your Committee regrets the death of W. Bro. Harry Vigeon, F.C.A., the auditor of Grand Lodge for many years. He was a most companionable gentleman and has always given the greatest satisfaction to the Board of General Purposes. According to the Constitution, it was necessary for the Board to appoint an auditor at this communication. The Board of General Purposes therefore appointed H. Frank Vigeon, Auditor for the year 1927-8.

ESTIMATES FOR 1927-28

RECEIPTS

Initiations.....	\$ 15,000.00
Affiliations.....	700.00
Dues.....	102,000.00
Certificates.....	100.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	3,000.00
Dispensations.....	900.00
Commutations.....	5,500.00
Warrants.....	100.00
Musical Rituals.....	75.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
Interest.....	18,000.00
	\$146,375.00

EXPENDITURES

Grand Treasurer.....	400.00
Auditor.....	600.00
Grand Secretary.....	6,000.00
Chief Clerk.....	3,000.00
Stenographer.....	2,000.00
Clerk.....	1,800.00
Incidental Expenses.....	1,500.00
Proceedings.....	3,000.00
Special printing.....	2,000.00
General printing, stationery, etc.....	3,800.00
Telephone.....	100.00
Insurance.....	200.00

Safety vault box.....	40.00
Office rent.....	1,000.00
Postage on Proceedings.....	250.00
Postage, chairmen of committees.....	40.00
Fraternal correspondence.....	400.00
Grand Master.....	1,500.00
Grand Master, stenographer.....	300.00
Deputy Grand Master.....	250.00
Commissions.....	100.00
U.S.A. & Canada, Masonic Relief Assoc. two years.....	540.00
Regalia and Furniture.....	200.00
Grand Lodge expenses.....	3,000.00
Queen Alexandra Memorial.....	1,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
Inspector of Benevolence.....	1,200.00
Supervisor of Benevolence.....	3,000.00
Stenographer.....	150.00
Travelling expenses of Supervisor.....	850.00
Benevolence grants.....	103,000.00
	\$142,220.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore and resolved: That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was presented by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.
M.W. Sir and Brethren:

As we direct our attention for a time to the progress and position of our craft there is one thought that naturally rises uppermost in the minds of all who in recent years have been privileged to witness the presenta-

tion of the Report on the Condition of Masonry. Through the sudden death of Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Shanks late chairman of this Committee this Grand Lodge lost a true disciple of the best there is in masonry. His quiet reserve, refined scholarship and sound judgment never showed to better advantage than in the eloquent and masterly reports presented by him.

In taking a general survey of the Condition of Masonry there is observable throughout the entire jurisdiction a close fellowship among the lodges of the several districts. There always has been a certain amount of fraternal visiting between neighboring lodges, especially in the rural parts of the province, but there was no well defined and organized system and where the practice did exist it was spasmodic and limited. The Past Masters' Associations have served a good purpose in bringing together the leaders of the craft to discuss matters of common interest and where it was deemed necessary to take productive action. Their efforts have been more effective than they otherwise would have been if each lodge had acted independently. This was well enough as far as it went but it did not go far enough. The membership of the Association is limited to those who are privileged to sit in the East and, while most of the questions coming up for consideration affect the entire craft, none but the pastmasters and masters participate in the discussion of them. There was no recognized machinery for bringing together the rank and file. It is quite apparent that the broader the field of a mason's activities the more benefit is he likely both to confer upon others and receive from his intercourse with the brethren. He may be on familiar terms with the best men of his own community irrespective of their relation to the craft but his opportunities may be rare for a closer relationship with the best men of the neighboring towns. He of course is privileged to visit their lodges but he is not likely to do so unless there is some especial occasion for the visit. There has been a long felt want for some system that would create such an occasion as would bring the different lodges of a district together and give the members an opportunity to become better acquainted and to acquire a broader outlook upon the craft in general. Another long felt want was some means whereby every lodge in the jurisdiction could

have the privilege of entertaining the Grand Master. One Grand Master did accomplish this stupendous task of visiting each lodge but it entailed an expenditure of time, energy and money far in excess of what any of his successors could reasonably be expected to devote to a like purpose. There is no doubt that good results flowed from those visits. Happily our present Grand Master has solved the problem of supplying both of these wants. He inaugurated a system of District meetings in which every lodge in the district was invited to participate. By this means he was brought in close touch with every part of the jurisdiction and the several lodges of each district mingled together in the common purpose of doing honor to the supreme head of the craft and had the privilege of listening to a series of scholarly and inspiring addresses which were of lasting benefit to all who heard them. From all quarters come glowing and enthusiastic reports of the large numbers who greeted the Grand Master upon these occasions and the pleasure and satisfaction these gatherings gave the District Deputies and the lodges under their jurisdiction. Kipling must have had in mind just such gatherings of masons when he penned the following:

“ ‘Once in so often’—King Solomon said,
 Watching his quarrymen drill the stone,
 ‘We will club our garlic and wine and bread,
 And banquet together beneath my throne,
 And all the brethren shall come to that mess
 As Fellow-Craftsmen, no more and no less’.”

A very healthy and hopeful sign is the interest that is being manifested among the older lodges in dragging from their hiding places all the documentary evidence available to enable them to construct a history of their development and progress. This most commendable spirit has doubtless been largely fostered by the splendid work of the Society for Masonic Research. This desire for further knowledge of our past history quite naturally awakens a pride in the achievements of those stalwart pioneers of masonry who blazed the trail in the early days of the craft in this province. It is a satisfaction to feel that they are closely related to us, that

they knelt at the same altar and that we can truly style them our elder brothers. They builded better than they knew. So thoroughly did they lay the foundations and so well did they provide for every contingency that the task of their successors in maintaining the magnificent structure represented by the 113,000 masons throughout Ontario has been a comparatively easy one though not without its administrative problems. The nearer we are brought to a full realization of the rich heritage that is ours the greater will be our inclination to live up to the standard set by our brethren who bequeathed it to us.

Good results appear to be flowing from the action of Grand Lodge in according to every lodge that has passed the century mark the privilege of wearing gold jewels and trimmings upon its regalia. Respect for our venerable pastmasters has also been awakened by decorating each of them who has seen fifty years of service in the East with a handsome silver medal. This recognition by Grand Lodge has been greatly appreciated not only by the recipients but also by the lodges to which they belong. It is not at all unusual to present the medal upon some special occasion to enable as many brethren as possible to tender their congratulatory remarks to the brother so signally honored. It would be difficult to devise a more useful object lesson for the rising generation of the fraternity than the touching scenes witnessed at these meetings. No higher tribute can be paid to the craft than the affectionate regard in which it is held by an honored brother in the evening of his life to whom his years have been,

“As a lusty winter frosty but kindly.”

When a brother who has passed the allotted span of life, as every recipient of the medal must have done, bears testimony of his love for the order, the impression thus made upon the minds of the younger members must be uplifting and enduring. They reason rightly that fifty years of leadership in a cause qualifies that leader to speak with authority and that there must be something more in masonry than forms and ceremonies. It is to be hoped that where at all practicable all such presentations shall be made in open lodge and that the brother

thus honored be given an opportunity to give expression to the thought that must be uppermost in his mind:

“Thou hast thus lovingly reserved
The cordial of mine age to glad my heart.”

A perusal of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters brings out in bold relief two outstanding facts, viz. the excellence of our system of inspection and the general fitness of the men chosen to perform that service. The instruction and sound advice imparted to them by that veteran instructor M.W. Bro. Malone immediately after their election has always borne good fruit. They went forth upon their mission fully conscious of the responsible duties assumed by them. It is no easy task for a busy man, and we use the term advisedly as the men chosen to fill the office as a rule belong to that class; it is no easy task to pay official visits to the twenty or thirty lodges in his district, solve the vexatious questions so often arising, reply to the numerous letters received and attend the many functions to which he is invited and at which he is expected to appear. Yet all these the District Deputies do and more, and the more carefully we read their reports the more convinced are we that it is well done. Their work must bring good results in their respective districts but the question arises—is the craft as a whole reaping all the benefit from the labors of these devoted brethren that it should? What is sound advice in one district is as a rule just as sound in another. The manner in which the District Deputies deal with the many questions considered by them clearly shows that a great deal of careful study has been expended upon them. These brethren have been brought face to face with many difficult situations. Do their reports receive that consideration that they should? Your Committee would urge upon each Master the need of a conscientious compliance with the amendment to section 156 of the constitution imposing upon him the duty of reading or causing to be read before his lodge such portions of the proceedings of Grand Lodge as will prove most instructive and beneficial to the members of his lodge. Among others we recommend copious extracts from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Your Committee has been deeply concerned in what appears to be a falling off in the average attendance at the regular meetings of the lodges. We have received the hearty co-operation of most of the District Deputies in our efforts to ascertain the cause of this lamentable condition and if possible to provide a remedy. Many evils are laid at the door of the motor car and it has not escaped censure for this shrinkage in attendance. At first thought one would be disposed to credit it with making it easier for members at a distance to attend lodge. On the other hand we must bear in mind that it brings other attractions within reach of its' owner which would be out of bounds with the horse-drawn vehicle. The radio and cinema come in for their share of the blame. There does not appear to be any lack of interest by the officers of the lodges and the District Deputies are practically unanimous in their commendation of the excellence of the work done by them. There seems to be some diversity of opinion as to whether or not the interest in masonry can be measured by the attendance at the regular meetings. It has been pointed out that some of the most enthusiastic masons who prize very highly their membership in the order are unable to attend except upon very rare occasions. This may be true in a number of isolated cases especially in city lodges, whose members are for the most part busy men with many calls upon their time. After making all due allowance for all such cases we are of opinion that the man who attends his lodge regularly is a better mason than the member who readily finds some excuse for remaining away. We further believe that we are more likely to find the standard of masonry higher in a lodge with a fair average attendance than in one where the attendance represents but a small percentage of the resident members. It is a fair summing up of the views of the District Deputies that the low average attendance is almost entirely due to the fact that the lodge does not present sufficient attractions to draw the members out and that the remedy lies in making the proceedings at the lodge meetings more interesting and attractive.

Above everything else the work should be made as impressive as possible and no innovations introduced to detract from its beauty. The musical ritual if well

presented is most effective, and there are few lodges that cannot produce a quartette at least if they set about it in earnest. The Master should speak distinctly so that every member present can hear every word of the ceremony. Nothing will weary the members more quickly than a listless muttering of the ritual with little or no attempt at elocutionary effect. Too many degrees should not be conferred at one meeting for no matter how well the work may be done it will become tiresome to all present if prolonged too far.

What is popularly known as the "fourth degree" is not to be discouraged, as it affords opportunities for putting into active practice the lessons inculcated in the work of the lodgeroom. One Right Worshipful Brother criticizes the type of entertainment sometimes presented upon these occasions and points out that the Pastmasters and Masters too frequently monopolize the program to the exclusion of other talented brethren whose contributions if asked for might prove to be more enjoyable. One of the most comprehensive reports received condemns the character of the programs sometimes presented by paid entertainers who are not masons. The remedy for this is very simple—engage none but masons or see that their selections are carefully censored.

We believe we may go so far as to recommend that any form of entertainment consistent with the dignity and moral aims of masonry may safely be resorted to, provided always that it is merely supplementary to the main object of the meeting. Another deprecates the too common practice of calling upon visiting brethren who being unprepared have nothing to offer. Such a practice too frequently results in embarrassment to the visitors and weariness to the brethren. An entertainment committee clothed with power to provide a program appears to be the simplest means of overcoming the difficulty with which the toastmaster is frequently confronted. Studies in masonry should always be encouraged. A study of that well edited portion of our annual report devoted to fraternal correspondence will reveal many interesting subjects for friendly discussion and will tend to broaden our masonic horizon. Popular lectures, addresses and debates upon any subject that would engage the attention of intelligent men are quite

in order provided that they have no tendency to provoke a religious or political controversy. There are very few if any lodges that could not secure speakers from members of the craft for such occasions.

Opening the lodge promptly at the appointed hour, adhering strictly to the established rules of order and the prompt dispatch of business are important factors that go a long way towards relieving the monotony of mere routine. Some lodges have quite successfully adopted the plan of summoning the brethren to meet at the hour of the regular evening meal and a social hour is spent around the table before the opening of the lodge. This is practicable only in lodge rooms equipped with the proper appliances and help for serving a regular meal. It possesses the redeeming feature of enabling the lodge to close at a much earlier hour than would be possible if refreshments are served after the closing of the lodge.

One Right Worshipful Brother strikes a true note in the following comment upon the practical result of visiting the sick:—"Many a brother considers the attitude of his brethren during his illness a test of character and strength of the fraternal bond and invariably a brother, after being ill, will either become more active in his lodge or drop out and practically lose all interest according to the attitude of the brethren during his illness."

Another Right Worshipful Brother raises a question that is frequently asked but which has not in recent years at least been debated upon the floor of Grand Lodge:—Should a numerical limit be placed upon the membership of a lodge? While the statistics are by no means complete it appears that the larger the membership the smaller is the percentage of the average attendance. Is not this what might naturally be expected? When the membership of a lodge runs well up into the hundreds it is impossible to create and maintain that close fellowship and brotherly interest that should exist among the members of a lodge. The question is one well worthy the consideration of the rulers of the craft.

It is quite possible that the exercise of a little more care in recommending candidates and a closer scrutiny into the real motives of those who seek admission to our

order might result in securing members who would not have so many pressing emergent calls from their public and private avocations. Is there not a tendency to shift the burden of responsibility all along the line until the ballot is reached? Is it not a fact that many a brother has affixed his signature to the recommendation or favorable report of a candidate with little or no knowledge of the fitness of the applicant or worse still with a well founded suspicion that he would bring no credit to the fraternity? If such be the case then it is high time that the brethren awaken to a better understanding of their responsibility. Are the Masters altogether blameless for the careless methods that we fear prevail in some lodges? Do they always exercise good judgment in appointing a committee to report upon a petition?

During the past few weeks we have had portrayed for us in oratory, pageant and in song the progress our country has made during the past sixty years. In 1867 the Fathers of Confederation sought to rescue the British provinces in the northern part of this continent from a serious chaotic condition. Many obstacles stood in the way of drawing together the scattered units in an union which it was felt could alone preserve their connection with the Motherland. Those far-seeing statesmen rightly conjectured that there was still slumbering in the breasts of our people the spirit of 1784. That same patriotism and indomitable courage that sustained the pioneers in their battle with the forest directed the destiny of the federated provinces until the supreme test of 1914. Canada's prompt response to the call of duty and the bravery, endurance and resourcefulness of her citizen soldiers won for her the admiration and esteem of friend and foe alike. Today she has taken her place among the nations of the world and her voice is heard and respected in their councils. Who can deny to masonry a part and a very important part in developing the national spirit we witness today on every hand? The primitive dwellings of the Loyalists afforded no accommodation for a formal meeting of a lodge; but even at that early period the brethren met on St. John's day for divine worship. As soon as they were able to provide the facilities regular lodges were organized. The first Legislative Council of Upper Canada met in a Free-

masons' Hall presided over by a Freemason as Lieutenant-Governor. In 1867 there were eleven districts in Canada four of which were east of the Ottawa River and the total membership was 7,000. The following statistics speak more eloquently as to the progress masonry has made during the past sixty years than any comments of your Committee. Today there are 113,000 members enrolled in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The receipts for the year 1866 were \$6,923.00. The revenue of Grand Lodge for the year just ended was \$148,000.00. The total assets when Grand Lodge assembled in the year of Confederation amounted to \$22,291.00; today our veteran Grand Treasurer guards investments aggregating \$457,000.00. A better test of the wonderful increase in the exercise of that distinguishing characteristic of every mason's heart will be found in comparing the magnificent sum of \$100,500.00 disbursed by Grand Lodge for benevolent purposes during the past twelve months with the sum of \$880 paid out for the same purpose in 1866. From that day to this the Freemasons while taking no part as masons in the political issues of our country have stood for all that is best in true Canadianism. There is no better school for good citizenship than a masonic lodge. The lessons received there should and do awaken a deeper sense of our responsibility in our homes, in our local communities and to our country at large.

That unpolluted spring of brotherly love, relief and truth so carefully guarded in the log cabin of the pioneer has been gathering momentum until now in this jubilee year of our Dominion it is a mighty refreshing stream cleansing and purifying our national life.

As we glory in the proud position Canada occupies to-day let us not forget those hardy Loyalists who with their strong arms and stout hearts laid the foundation of that greatness.

"They loved the cause
That had been lost and scorned an alien name,
Passed into exile, leaving all behind,
Except their honor and the conscious pride,
Of duty done to country and to King."

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. HERRINGTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was read by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

(1) **Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto, vs. Bro. James M. Pollock**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 382. Bro. Pollock is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(2) **Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton, vs. Bro. Chas. Edward Webb**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 382. Bro. Webb is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(3) **Tuscan Lodge No. 541, Toronto, vs. Bro. E. Clarence J. Settell**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at pages 382 and 383. Bro. Settell is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared but has written a long letter pleading extenuating circumstances. The Committee, however, recommend that he be expelled.

(4) **Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford, vs. Bro. Peter Smith**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 383. Bro. Smith is now under suspension and was

duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(5) Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, vs. Bro. H. H. Coffey

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 383. Bro. Coffey is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(6) Palestine Lodge No. 559 vs. Bro. Louis Layman

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 384. The Committee are now of opinion that the Brother should be expelled from the Craft, and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(7) St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto, vs. Bro. W. W. Dunlop

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 384. Bro. Dunlop is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(8) St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16, Toronto, vs. Bro. Frank G. Anderson

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at pages 384 and 385. Bro. Anderson is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(9) Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville, vs. Bro. James Service

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 385. Bro. Service is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(10) Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599, Toronto, vs. Bro. Edwin Gordon Brock

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at pages 385 and 386. Bro. Brock is now under suspension

and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(11) Burns Lodge No. 153 Wyoming, vs. Bro. Angus Norwood

The facts of this case are set out in the 1926 proceedings at page 386. Bro. Norwood is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee, therefore, recommend that he be expelled.

(12) High Park Lodge No. 531, vs. Bro. Charles A. Matthews

The facts of this case are set out in the 1925 proceedings at page 321 and in the 1926 proceedings at page 385. Bro. Matthews is now under suspension and was duly notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

He appeared before the Committee, pleaded extenuating circumstances and expressed deep contrition. The Committee recommend that his suspension be continued until next meeting of Grand Lodge when the case shall be disposed of as Grand Lodge shall decide.

(13) St. Francis Lodge No. 24, Smith Falls, vs. Bro. F. William Hall.

This Brother was convicted in the County Judges Criminal Court for the County of Lanark on the 28th day of February, 1927, of theft and sentenced for a determinate period of eighteen months with an indeterminate period of six months less one day in the Ontario Reformatory.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended. The Committee concur in the finding of the lodge as to the guilt of the brother but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the Craft and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(14) Hamilton Lodge No. 562, Hamilton vs. Bro. Frank VanMere.

The particulars of this case were reported to the M.W. the Grand Master who suspended Bro. VanMere and directed the lodge to lay a charge against him.

The Brother was charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1 and with revealing on different occasions masonic secrets.

The Grand Master appointed R.W. Bros. Lyman Lee, George Moore and Frank Hills a commission to investigate the charges and try the brother.

He was placed on trial, found not guilty by the commission of the charges laid against him and recommended that he be reinstated. The Committee concur in the finding of the commission and recommend that the suspension be removed.

(15) Hamilton Lodge No. 562, Hamilton vs. Bro. Ernest H. Risbridger

This Brother is charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of Section 19 of rule 1.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bros. Lyman Lee, George Moore and Frank Hills a commission to try the Brother. He was tried by the Commission, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The Committee concur in the finding of the commission and they, therefore, recommend that his suspension be continued and that the brother be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(16) Ashlar Lodge No. 247, Toronto, vs. Bro. Dr. E. Herbert Adams

This Brother was convicted on August 5th, 1925 by the Police Magistrate for the City of Toronto under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act and an appeal from this conviction to His Honour Judge Denton was dismissed. He was sentenced to a term at the jail farm and has served his time

A charge of unmasonic conduct involving moral turpitude was then laid against the brother. He was tried by his lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended.

A further ballot was taken as to whether the lodge would recommend to Grand Lodge that the Brother be expelled, which ballot by a majority of one was declared by the Master to be against expulsion.

The Committee are of the opinion, however, that he should be expelled and recommend that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(17) Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer vs. Bro. Frank Fisher

This Brother was charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19, rule 1. He was tried by his lodge found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(18) The Beaches' Lodge No. 473, Toronto, vs. Bro. J. H. Day

This Brother is charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of section 19 of rule 1.

He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty in accordance with the rules respecting trials for masonic offences and indefinitely suspended by an open vote, or show of hands by the brethren.

The rules respecting masonic trials are very clearly set out in the constitution and rule 34 makes it quite plain that the vote as to the penalty to be imposed should be by ballot.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the proceedings in this matter be referred back to the lodge that the constitution may be complied with and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(19) St. John's Lodge No. 81, Mt. Brydges, vs. W. G. Burch

The facts of this case are set out in the 1911 proceedings and in the 1912 proceedings at page 328.

Bro. Burch was charged with a violation of section 5, rule 1, for refusing to obey the commands of the D. D. G. M. and give evidence in connection with an investigation into a certain irregularity in connection with St. John's Lodge and was expelled from the Craft.

He now petitions Grand Lodge to be restored in which petition he solemnly promises if such restoration be granted he will yield cheerful obedience to all the laws, rules and customs of the fraternity.

The Brother is now living at Claresholm, Alta., and his petition is accompanied by a certificate over the signature of the W. M. and Jr. Warden of Cairo Lodge No. 32 located at Claresholm that the brethren have known Bro. Burch for a period of thirteen years and upwards and that he is a person of good moral character and ever since his residence in Claresholm has conducted himself as an upright and honorableman.

The petition is further supported by a certificate signed by the W.M. and Secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 81 showing that by a vote taken in and by a lodge of master masons at a regular meeting on April 12th, 1927, the brethren declared by a unanimous vote in favor of the restoration of Bro. Burch.

The committee feel that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, and, therefore, recommend that Bro. Burch be re-instated.

**(20) Mimosa Lodge No. 576 Toronto, vs.
Bro. Edward F. McDonald**

This Brother pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing \$400., the property of his employers, Elmes Cash Groceries, and was sentenced by J. E. Jones, Police Magistrate for the City of Toronto, to three years imprisonment and an indeterminate period thereafter not exceeding two years less one day.

The M.W. the Grand Master directed that a charge of unmasonic conduct be made against him by his lodge and appointed R.W. Bro. W. R. Walters as a commissioner to investigate the charge and try the brother.

The commissioner, along with Bro. H. G. French, investigated the charges, found the brother guilty and recommended that he be expelled.

The Committee concur in the finding of the commission and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime he be suspended.

**(21) Moira Lodge No. 11, Belleville, vs. Bro. Lee D.
Norris**

This Brother was charged before the Police Magistrate of the City of Belleville with an offence contrary to section 205 of the Criminal Code to which charge he pleaded guilty and was fined.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was subsequently made against him which charge was duly received and a committee of three appointed by the W.M. to take the evidence and report to the lodge.

He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and recommended for expulsion.

The committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(22) Clifton Lodge No. 254, Niagara Falls, vs.
Bro. George J. Weales**

This Brother was tried at the sessions of the Peace for the County of Welland on the 9th day of June 1926, on a charge of stealing the sum of \$900 from the Niagara Coal Company, Niagara Falls, of which Company he was a member and to which charge he pleaded guilty and was released on suspended sentence.

A charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against him by a member of his lodge. He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion.

The Committee concur in the finding of the lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(23) Ivy Lodge No. 115, Beamsville, vs. Bro. Charles
A. Reid**

This brother was convicted before J. H. Campbell, Police Magistrate at the City of St. Catharines, on the 26th day of March A.D. 1926 on three charges of theft from his employers, Edward Smith & Sons, Ltd., and was sentenced to a term of not less than three months and not more than one year in prison.

This fact came to the attention of the M.W. the Grand Master who suspended him and directed that a charge be preferred against him and that he be tried by his lodge.

He was subsequently placed on trial, found guilty and indefinitely suspended.

The Committee concur in the finding of the lodge as to the guilt of the brother, but are of the opinion that he should be expelled from the Craft and recommended that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

**(24) Leeds Lodge No. 201, Gananoque, vs. Bro. J.
Harold Valleau**

**Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, vs. Bro. J.
Harold Valleau**

This Brother was tried in the County Judge Criminal Court at Brockville on a charge of theft while Secretary-Treasurer of the Thousand Island Railway and the Oshawa Railway of the sum of \$13,644 and was convicted and sentenced to a term of one year in the reformatory and thereafter for an indeterminate period not exceeding two years less one day.

A charge was subsequently preferred against him by Leeds Lodge Number 201 by the direction of the M.W. the Grand Master on which charge he was found guilty and suspended for a period of one year.

A charge was also laid against him in Craig Lodge No. 401, Deseronto, of which lodge he was also a member.

A committee was appointed to take the evidence. He was then placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty and indefinitely suspended.

The Committee concur in the finding of these two lodges but are of the opinion that the brother should be expelled and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(25) The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27, Hamilton

This is an application to be relieved from payment of the usual \$20 to legalize the advancement of three candidates within the prescribed time. The brethren were passed to the 2nd degree on September 28th, and raised on October 22nd, 1927.

The excuse offered by the Secretary is that the Worshipful Master and the other officers of the lodge being busy with other Masonic work it was impossible to hold the emergent meeting at which these brethren received their third degree at the usual time and the matter of obtaining a dispensation was overlooked.

The Grand Secretary has no alternative but to enforce the provisions of the constitution. The Committee, however, recommend that the violation be treated as one offence and that \$20 be accepted in full.

(26) Temple Lodge No. 324, Hamilton.

This is also an application to be relieved from payment of the usual \$20. to legalize the advancement of two candidates within the prescribed time.

One of the brethren was passed on May 26th and raised on June 22nd, 1926, and the other initiated on May 26th. and passed on June 22nd, 1926.

The Secretary explains that the night of meeting which would have fallen upon the 25th of May was changed to the 26th to accommodate another lodge and this threw them out one day by holding their June meeting on June 22nd. As in the above case the Grand Secretary has no option in the matter and must enforce the provisions of the constitution but the committee recommend that the offence be treated as one violation and that \$20 be accepted in full.

(27) Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie

This is also an application to be relieved from payment of \$20 to legalize the advancement of four candidates within the prescribed time.

The June return shows that the candidates were advanced on April 13th and raised on May 9th, 1927.

The Worshipful Master says by way of explanation that the lodge has been holding an emergent meeting each month in order to keep the degree work up to date and in arranging the May meeting he found that the 9th was the only date available owing to meetings of the Chapter, Knight Templar, and Scottish Rite, all of which are held in the same room conflicting and that until the Secretary got the Grand Secretary's letter it did not occur to him that there was any violation of the constitution.

Under the circumstances the committee recommend that the violation be treated as one offence and that the sum of \$20 be accepted in full.

(28) Mississauga Lodge No. 524, Port Credit

This is another case of advancing candidates within the prescribed time, four candidates having been passed on May 28th and raised on June 24th, 1926.

The matter was referred to the Grand Secretary who has no discretion in the matter but is required by the constitution to exact the penalty.

The Secretary of the lodge explains that their meetings are usually held on a Friday, but in this case the meeting was held on a Thursday, he not noticing that four weeks had not elapsed.

He claims that the lodge had no intention of violating the constitution and frankly admits that as it was a mistake of his he feels that the amount should be paid by him.

As in the preceding cases, the committee recommends that the offence be treated as one violation and that twenty dollars be accepted in full.

The Committee desires to point out that the number of cases of violation of section 259 of the constitution is on the increase and is due in almost every case to the carelessness of the secretary and if greater care is not taken the provisions of the constitution will require to be strictly enforced.

**(29) Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford, vs.
Corinthian Lodge No. 513, Hamilton**

This is a case of invasion of Jurisdiction. One Edward George Loeb sack was initiated into Corinthian Lodge No. 513, Hamilton, on the 11th March, 1927 and was duly advanced to the third degree in the same lodge.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford, claims that the candidate resided within the jurisdiction of their lodge and that Corinthian Lodge had no jurisdiction over him and should not have received his application or acted upon it. The Committee feels that the facts and circumstances surrounding the case are not all before them and that they have no means of accurately obtaining them and recommend that the case be referred back to them for report to Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting and that in the meantime the M.W. the Grand Master appoint a commission to ascertain the facts and report the same to the Committee with the Commission's recommendations.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX COWAN,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, and resolved: That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE Composed of the Committee on Constitution and Laws and the Committee on Grievances And Appeals

The report of this Joint Committee, which had been convened under the chairmanship of M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, was read by R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, as follows:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present the Report of a Joint Meeting of the Committee on Constitution and Laws and on Grievances and Appeals, held the 18th day of July, 1927, by direction of the Grand Master, to consider the Complaint of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, as to the initiation of John S. Harvey, by General Mercer Lodge, No. 548, Toronto.

Following is a brief statement of the facts:

John S. Harvey is a married man who at the times hereinafter referred to lived with his wife and family in the City of Guelph. He was the manager of a business at Rockwood and in the course of his business made frequent brief trips to Toronto where he has a brother-in-law, Bro. Paul E. Cleal, an officer of General Mercer Lodge, residing at 25 Boswell Avenue. Mr. Harvey had applied for initiation to Waverley Lodge in 1923 and had been rejected. In June, 1926, he asked

Bro. Cleal whether there was any way by which he could enter the Order and Bro. Cleal after making some enquiries procured an application form, filled it out, signed it himself as proposer and had it signed by another member as seconder and by Mr. Harvey as applicant. This application stated Mr. Harvey's residence as 25 Boswell Ave., Toronto., and his business addresses as Toronto and Rockwood. It contained the statement that he had resided for one year before its date within the jurisdiction of General Mercer Lodge. It was duly presented to the Lodge, referred for report and reported on favorably. Mr. Harvey was initiated, passed and raised in General Mercer Lodge in the Fall of 1926.

The Grand Master found that Mr. Harvey's initiation was based upon an application containing statements which were untrue to the knowledge of the applicant and his proposer; that the circumstances indicated an attempt to smuggle into the Craft an applicant who was afraid that he could not secure admission in the proper way; and that the investigating committee had been negligent. He refused to validate the initiation, referred the whole matter to Grand Lodge and directed that the papers be placed before a joint meeting of the above Committees for consideration and report. In the meantime, he suspended Bro. Cleal from the Craft, ordered that Mr. Harvey be not recognized or received as a Mason or permitted to exercise Masonic rights or privileges, and directed that the initiation fee be paid into the Treasury of Grand Lodge to be dealt with as Grand Lodge should determine.

The Joint Committee, having considered the facts and having heard Bro. Cleal in his own defence, certain officers and brethren representing General Mercer Lodge, and R.W. Bro. Jaffray, D.D.G.M. on behalf of Waverley Lodge, recommend as follows:

1. That the action taken by the M.W. the Grand Master be affirmed.

2. That the suspension of Bro. Cleal from the Order be continued till the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and that the matter, as affecting him, be brought before the Board of General Purposes, at its meeting in advance of such Communication for such further recommendation by the Board and action thereon by Grand Lodge as may then be deemed advisable.

3. That it be declared by Grand Lodge that the initiation, passing and raising of Mr. Harvey, in so far as they purported to admit him to General Mercer Lodge, or to the Order, or to any degree of Masonry are and always have been null and void and of no effect, and that Mr. Harvey did not thereby become, and is not a member of the Lodge or of the Craft and is not and has never been entitled to any Masonic right and privilege.

in that line to various organizations in and around Ottawa. As well as being a gifted speaker he was a talented writer, and many articles from his pen have appeared in scientific and other journals.

Hard work, care and worry soon exacted their toll and at the early age of 55 years Brother Shanks was compelled to retire from active service on account of failing health. His retirement was short-lived, however, for he died suddenly on October 13, 1926, shortly after returning from a trip around the world. It is worthy of note that on the evening preceding his death he delivered an address before the members of Civil Service Lodge.

Brother Shanks was initiated into Masonry in Maxville Lodge, No. 418, on November 14th, 1893 and was elected Junior Warden of that Lodge in 1895. About the same time he moved to Ottawa and affiliated with Civil Service Lodge No. 148. In 1907 he was elected Master of Civil Service Lodge without having served in it as a Warden. From the time of his election as Master of Civil Service he quickly became known as one of the most promising and trusted Masons in Eastern Ontario. He had a genius for making and keeping friends and his urbanity and sincere interest in his fellow men made him a prominent figure in the Craft.

Bro. Shanks never sought office or promotion but in 1914 was elected D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District. He performed his duties so thoroughly that he won the confidence and admiration of every Mason in the district. In 1916 he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes and after serving two years on the Committee of Audit and Finance was elected to the Board and became Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. He held this office at the time of his death and his able reports will always be a proof of his ability and his interest in Masonry. Brother Shanks was a member of Defender's Lodge, No. 590, Ottawa, and of Acacia Lodge, No. 561, Westboro. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in which body he held high office, having attained the rank of 33rd degree Mason. Brother Shanks never married.

"Tom" Shanks, as he was affectionately known, will not soon be forgotten by thousands of his brethren who admired his talents and prized his friendship.

R.W. Bro. Henry Rush

The death, on November 24th, 1926, of Rt. W. Bro. Henry Rush removes from Masonic connection one of the oldest and most valued brethren in Peterborough. For nearly fifty-four years a member of the Order, he was initiated in Peterborough Lodge in 1873, ten years after the Lodge had been instituted, and in 1876 became Master of the Lodge, an honor again conferred in 1888. And in the following years all honors within the purview of the local blue lodges were his. Successively he was elected as an honorary and life member in his own Lodge, and also to honorary and life membership in Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 523. His charming personality, his wide spirit of helpfulness, his fidelity to the ancient landmarks gained for him the deepest respect and created in personal contact with all members of the Order the warmest admiration and regard.

No Masonic function but lacked completeness wanting the presence of Rt. W. Bro. Rush. From his ample store of Masonic information he bestowed to the Craft enquirer lavishly and freely. A tutor of unexcelled accomplishments, wise, thoughtful, careful, charitable beyond other members of the Order, his nature was such that no asperities had been allowed to influence his course as a Mason and a brother. His wide personal and craft benevolence was so well recognized that for years he was the honored head of the Masonic Board of Relief, where his first thought was for the family of a deceased Brother and his solicitude ever to ameliorate conditions to any extent that the resources of the lodges permitted.

He was an old and esteemed member of the Royal Arch Chapter, joining in 1874, and was made an Honorary Life Member many years ago. He rose to receive preferment at the hands of Grand Lodge, being elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden. For many years he was invariably the representative for Peterborough Lodge at all assemblies of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

His life as a citizen of his home town and city reflected his purity of endeavor and action as a Mason. He stood in the community for all that was best in civic life and fellowship. Making use of the Masonic simile, he was initiated into the Town council, passed to the chairmanship of important committees and raised to the position of Mayor in the year 1908. So well was his civic service appreciated that the following year he was unanimously chosen to again fill the chair, which he did to the large satisfaction of the electorate. He was Chairman of the Charity Board for the city and administered the duties with rare thoughtfulness and ability.

Rt. W. Bro. Rush was a veteran of the troublous days of the Fenian Raid, now only a disagreeable memory to most people. During the years of the late Great War he was conspicuous in all good works projected in patriotic ways. The Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross, the Overseas Hospitals and welfare work were all in his particular care. Assiduous was he in thought, deed and work. His example enthused all with whom he came in contact, but underlying all was the quiet, unobtrusive and helpful personality of a man mature in years and wonderfully experienced, emphatically one who "did good by stealth and blushed to have it known."

R.W. Bro. C. J. Martindale

Hamilton District B and Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York, suffered a severe loss on October 3rd, 1926, in the passing of Rt. W. Bro. C. J. Martindale. Born of English parents near the village of York fifty years ago, he was educated in the High School at Caledonia, Ontario, and Toronto University. He joined the Order in 1896 and ten years later was installed as Master of his mother lodge.

R.W. Bro. Martindale was prominent in military circles and at the organization of the 117th Battalion, Haldimand Rifles, was Acting Adjutant. He went with his battalion overseas in 1916, but owing to a severe attack of rheumatic fever never reached France. This illness left him a confirmed invalid and his death was attributable to his military services just as surely as that of any of his comrades who perished on the field of battle.

He was honoured at the annual communication held in Fort William last July in being unanimously chosen as District Deputy Grand Master for Hamilton B District. His decease when his term of office had only begun deprived the district of services which beyond doubt would have been an inspiration to all his brethren.

R.W. Bro. Martindale leaves behind a sorrowing widow and two sons. He was particularly happy in his private life. A man of strong personality, liked by all, of a kindly and charitable disposition, always ready to hold out a helping hand, he was respected and loved by a large circle of friends, and he died

“Rich in the world’s opinion, and men’s praise,
And full in all we could desire but days.”

Rt. W. Bro. Geo. J. Waugh

The death of R.W. Bro. George J. Waugh on the 3rd of December, 1926, removed the last surviving Past Master who was connected with the early history of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford. In many respects his recollection of things Masonic in that city antedated those of any other Brother now living, as, not only was he connected with Tecumseh Lodge from the year 1872, but in addition he had interested himself in the story of the old Wellington Lodge, said to be the first Masonic organization ever formed in that city, and the history of which is completely lost. Brother Waugh was the only Mason within our recollection who claimed to have talked with members of this mysterious Wellington Lodge.

George J. Waugh was initiated into Tecumseh Lodge on February 22nd, 1872, and in December of that same year he was made Secretary of the Lodge. One year later Brother Waugh was installed as Worshipful Master. He served as Master of the Lodge for the years 1875-76. His Grand Lodge connection commenced in 1876, when he was appointed Grand Organist. In 1877 he was elected Grand Senior Warden, and he was elected to the Board of General Purposes for the years 1878-79. He enjoyed a wide Masonic acquaintance throughout Western Ontario. The older Past Masters in Stratford vicinity will remember R.W. Bro. Waugh as the fountain

of information from whom was secured accurate knowledge as to the exact phraseology of the Degree work. He joined Tecumseh Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1874, and in 1880 was made First Principal.

For many years Brother Waugh was a tower of strength to the Masonic bodies of Stratford. Accurate and impressive in his rendition of the work, he was also characterized by a lofty idealism in his conception of things Masonic. Coupled as these qualities were with a charming personality, it was inevitable that Brother Waugh should exercise a tremendous influence for good in the fraternity. To the older members of the Craft in that city his passing is particularly deplored as marking the severance of the last remaining link with the early days of Tecumseh Lodge, and the earthly termination of a career of useful, friendly Masonic service. Bro. Waugh sleeps under the bright stars in far off California, but his memory will long be cherished by old friends and associates in Stratford.

“Green grows the grass above thee,
Friend of my early days,
None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise.”

R. W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins

The call came suddenly to R. W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, of West Toronto, who died on May 5th, 1927.

Dr. Hopkins was born in England in 1854 and came to Canada in 1876, teaching for a time, and entering Trinity Medical School, from which he graduated in 1887. He commenced practice in Grand Valley, Ontario, the same year and resided there until 1905. He then moved to West Toronto, then Toronto Junction, and lived there to the time of his death.

He was particularly well known in West Toronto, where he was active in community life. He was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, of the West Toronto Public Library Board and of the Toronto Board of Education.

He was initiated in Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich, in 1876 and was Master of that Lodge in 1881. He was the first Master of Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley, and was also chief organizer and first Master of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 630, Toronto. He was elected D. D. G. M. of Wellington District in 1894.

His life was one of loving service to his friends, his brethren, his church boys and his fellow citizens. The crowded halls which listened to the Grand Chaplain on the Sunday following his death testify to the love of those who knew him. As the preacher well said, "Above all it becomes us to dedicate ourselves on the altar of our grief to the high and honorable and noble principles which were the guiding forces of his life and make the sense of his loss so keen to us and his memory so dear".

R. W. Bro. W. S. Beaver

R. W. Bro. Beaver was born in Sydenham, England, his father being an Anglican clergyman. He left for Canada at the age of seventeen, going to Toronto, and removing about 1876 to Port Arthur, when it was known as Prince Arthur's Landing. He was initiated in 1878 and was acting Secretary in the same year and Secretary for the year 1879. He became Master of the Lodge in 1885 and a few years later was elected D. D. G. M. of the Algoma District, which then extended from the Manitoba boundary to and including some part of Muskoka. He was a life member of the lodge, as well as Grand Lodge, and at one time trustee of the Lodge property. He actively associated himself with all Masonic functions, whether fraternal or social, and rarely missed a meeting of the Lodge or its committees. He was greatly interested in the local Past Masters' Association.

He took a keen interest in civic matters, was at one time tax collector and assessor in Port Arthur, was on the Riverside Cemetery Board, and for years a member of the Court of Revision. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Port Arthur Horticultural Society.

In religion he was a Methodist, being one of the workers and a member of the various church Boards.

He loved music and for twenty-five years was the choir leader of the Trinity Methodist Church. While in Toronto, previous to his residence in Port Arthur, he was a member of the Mendelssohn Choir, under Dr. Torrington. He joined the Post Office staff in 1882 and later was Postmaster, a position which he held until 1921, when he was superannuated. He died on Aug. 17th, 1926, and was buried with Craft honors. He was genial to all, careful in his dealings and firm in his endeavors to do what was right.

R. W. Bro. E. A. James

In February of this year Patterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill, suffered a sad loss in the death of R. W. Bro. Edgar A. James, whose name his lodge and district will ever keep in fond remembrance for his faithful love and service.

The son of a pioneer of York County, he took a keen interest in the history of his native county and his researches and lectures on this subject were eminently valued. His interest in the Craft was no less. As some one said of him, "It was a pleasure to him to assist in the permanence and growth of Masonry with his sphere of influence, and his guiding counsel has been of inestimable value in many an emergency".

Beginning his life's work as a school teacher, he turned to civil engineering, in which profession he won success in the Province, leaving many permanent memorials of his ability in durable structures and pleasant highways. So also has he left lasting memories in the hearts of many who, by his generous assistance and encouragement, have had life's pathway smoothed and levelled.

Bro. James was admitted to Patterson Lodge in 1905 and was elected Master in 1912. He became District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto Centre District in 1918. He was a charter member of six lodges, all of which owe much to his energy and enthusiasm, University, North Gate, Golden Fleece, Birch Cliff, Metropolitan and Delta. His memory will be ever green in our hearts and we bid him a fond farewell, believing

"That he wears a truer crown
Than any wreath that man can weave him;
God accept him, Christ receive him".

William Carr Wilkinson

One of the best known, and most highly respected Masons in Toronto, R. W. Bro. William Carr Wilkinson, passed away on May 26th, 1927.

He had been an active and honored Member of St. Andrew's Lodge for nearly sixty years. He was initiated on August 13th, 1867, and on December 27th, 1875, he was installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and was re-elected to that high position in 1876, and again elected Worshipful Master in 1879. On August 10th, 1885, he was elected an Honorary Member of St. Andrew's Lodge with full privileges. He was also an Honorary Member of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, having summered at Grimsby Park since 1880. In 1880 he was appointed Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and elected to the position of Grand Registrar in 1882. At the Installation of the Officers of St. Andrew's Lodge in December, 1925, the occasion was unique in the fact that, during the ceremony, R. W. Bro. Wilkinson occupied the Master's Chair, and his Wardens of fifty years ago, R. W. Bro. Jas. S. Lovell, P.D.D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, P.D.D.G.M., occupied the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, and it was during this Meeting that M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Grand Master, decorated R. W. Bro. Wilkinson with the Grand Lodge Fifty-years Membership Medal.

Throughout his long and active life as a Free Mason, he made the development of the vital principles of Masonry one of his supreme purposes. For more than thirty years, he was Treasurer of St. Andrew's Lodge. So fully was his interest and his ability recognized that, for many years, he acted as the Installing Officer in his own Lodge and several other Lodges in Toronto. He saw the membership of St. Andrew's Lodge increase from 82 in 1867 to 690 in 1927, and no man deserved the credit for the growth of the Lodge and its high spirit of unity and cordial co-operation more than he did. He was born in Toronto, August 1st, 1841, in the eastern

part of the City, and on the same property spent his entire life. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Toronto School Board, later the Board of Education, for nearly half a century, truly beloved and highly respected by all his associates during all those years. His church connection was with Berkeley Street Methodist, now United Church, and he was the Recording Steward and a member of the Sunday School for eighty years, being its Secretary for the past sixty years. The funeral services were conducted in that old historic Church, and with Masonic honors he was interred in the family plot in St. James' Cemetery on Saturday, May 28th, 1927.

R.W. Bro. James A. Minnes

A prominent figure in the masonic circles of Kingston passed away on the 6th of April, 1927, in the person of R.W. Bro. James A. Minnes. Initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 3 on April 3rd, 1890, he was elected Master in December of 1900, and in 1904 was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Frontenac District where he served with skill and ability. R.W. Bro. Minnes was also an active Chapter mason. He was First Principal of the ancient Frontenac Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., in 1903 and served afterwards as treasurer of the Chapter for over twenty years.

Brother Minnes was prominent in the business and social life of Kingston. He served as Alderman, and was Mayor of the City at the early age of thirty-two years. He also took an active interest in Queen's University and was a member of the Board of Trustees of that institution. The Board of Trade, General Hospital and many other local institutions owe much to his active interest therein.

Rt. W. Bro. Lt.-Col. M. K. Adams

On December 28th, 1926, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, laid to rest one who was highly esteemed throughout Prince Edward District, in the person of R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. M. K. Adams. Initiated in that lodge in 1902, he ever took a deep interest in the Craft and in 1915 he was placed in the chair of King Solomon in his mother lodge. In the year 1921 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master in Prince Edward District, per-

forming the duties of that high office in a most instructive and courteous manner. Indeed there was a warmth and cordiality about his nature which made him a welcome visitor in every lodge throughout the District.

R.W. Bro. Adams was also an active member of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, R.A.M., a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He served his home town municipally with great acceptance as Mayor. In military circles he was well known, having much to do with the building up of the 155th Batt., with which unit he went overseas. Thus it was that in all walks of life he demonstrated the qualities of a good citizen, a true patriot and a good Mason.

R.W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn

R.W. Bro. Wm. D. Hepburn was initiated in Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa, in 1864. He affiliated with Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph and was Master of that Lodge in 1873 and was appointed a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge the same year. He joined Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston, in 1876 and was D.D.G.M. of Wellington District in 1879. He was unfailing in his devotion to the Craft and his familiar figure was welcomed for many years in the meetings throughout his district. He died full of years in September last and was buried with Masonic honors.

W. Bro. Harry Vigeon

W. Bro. Harry Vigeon, for many years the official auditor of Grand Lodge, came to Canada in 1884 from England, and a few years later established a business as public accountant in Toronto, which has grown and flourished for forty years. As a Fellow of the Chartered Accountants, he was known throughout Canada.

He was a Past Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, and also a member of Harcourt Lodge, No. 581, where his unfailing courtesy, kindness and geniality made him a great favorite with his many friends. Grand Lodge has lost a valuable servant by his death.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK A. COPUS,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. A. Copus, and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed scrutineers of the ballot and named R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd as Chairman.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour at five o'clock, p.m., to meet on Thursday, July 21st, 1927, at 9.45 o'clock in the forenoon.

CALLED ON THE SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge resumed labour on Thursday, July 21st, 1927, at a quarter to ten, a.m., the Grand Master on the Throne.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The report of the Committee on Credentials was read by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way as follows:

To the M.W., the Grand Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Credentials begs to report:

There are on the register of Grand Lodge 559 Warranted Lodges, of which number 6 have been granted their warrants at this Communication.

Lodges represented at this Communication:	
By Regular Officers.....	373
By Proxies.....	86
By Past Masters.....	43

Total number represented.....	502
Total number delegates registered.....	2,214
With a total vote of.....	2,948

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way and resolved: That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was read by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, as follows:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee feel that they are the interpreters and spokesmen of every member of Grand Lodge in saying that no finer, more earnest, more searching, more comprehensive message has ever been delivered by any supreme ruler of the Craft in this jurisdiction than that of M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland at this communication. Distinguished alike by clarity of diction and clarity of thought, by uncommon common-sense, by wisdom begotten of experience, by gleams of humor, by scholarly finish, and by a very human touch, the address to which we have been privileged to listen and which thousands will be privileged to read, has established a standard of excellence which has rarely been attained. "Duty is truth—truth duty", is its animating spirit and, while high ideals and noble sentiments are expressed and quoted, his applications to our every day life, his conclusions and admonitions are both practical and creative, wise and productive, earnest and sincere. They ring true throughout—truth and knowledge ever keeping pace.

Your Committee cordially approve of the well merited eulogy given by the Grand Master to the citizens of Guelph, to the officials and staff of the Ontario Agricultural College and to all, who with them have so satisfyingly ministered to our comfort and to the efficient carrying on of the business of the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge.

Your Committee assure the Grand Master that Grand Lodge is enthusiastically responsive to the loyal sentiments to which he gives utterance in regard to the auspicious celebration of this Confederation year in

Canada's romantic history and its significance: and to his prophetic foresight in respect to the future of our common country within the Empire. "This is our heritage—and here we do engage each man unto his son—intact to pass it on." We are trustees for a nation. We as Craftsmen must be true to our trust. We have, indeed, an authoritative background. We are endowed with a noble birthright. We are gifted with the promise of a glorious future. Let us have no craven fear of being great.

Your Committee endorse all that the Grand Master says as to the progress of the Craft both in temporal and statistical matters and in the true spirit of fraternity, unifying and vivifying.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Master on having laid five corner-stones, a peculiarly appropriate Masonic function of the Builders.

Your Committee note with approval the word of caution, mingled with encouragement, in regard to the building of Masonic temples—the Men's House—the House Beautiful.

Your Committee note the worthy tribute paid to those brethren, who have answered "Adsum," to the celestial call of the great Grand Master. May eternal light and peace perpetual be theirs—and ours.

Your Committee approve the wise appointments to office made by the Grand Master, not merely in emergencies, but also in the case of Grand Representatives, those links in the golden chain of the Craft universal, which girdles the globe.

Your Committee recommend that the thoughtful and graceful proposal of the Grand Master to confer the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden upon R.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Robbins, of England, be endorsed by Grand Lodge. He will grace the office. He has done great service.

Your Committee know that Grand Lodge will gladly approve the action of the Grand Master in presenting to M.W. Bro. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of England, an appropriate jewel of distinctive design, and will appreciate his graceful acknowledgment, as quoted by the Grand Master. The inspiring and historic visit of Lord Ampthill and his three colleagues, Sir John Ferguson, Colonel Hamilton-Wedderburn and A. E. Carlyle, to this Grand Lodge will not soon be forgotten in Canada.

Your Committee also concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master to confer past rank upon the three other brethren in our jurisdiction specially mentioned.

Your Committee read with approval the remarks of the Grand Master as to foreign Grand Lodges and their recognition and recommend that the Committee engaged in this important work, who have presented an excellent report of progress, be continued in office, to report again at the next meeting of Grand Lodge: and that the incoming Grand Master be requested to fill the place of the late R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, a member of the Committee.

Your Committee note the manifold activities of the Grand Master in the appointment of trial commissions, in the revision of by-laws and in the issue of dispensations. They approve of the rulings reported by the Grand Master and note the "very special circumstances" which must have justified the Grand Master in permitting the use of a Masonic Lodge room for a limited time to the Oddfellows under special and definite conditions. We trust that these circumstances will not again recur.

Your Committee express their earnest approval of the courage and convincing statement of the Grand Master in facing and helping to solve the problem of the Eastern Star and other organizations, which predicate their male membership upon good standing as Master Masons. From what source do they obtain this secret information? At the same time the Committee endorse the opinion of the Grand Master as to the beneficent work, which these organizations could and would no doubt accomplish, if administered as wholly independent bodies.

Your Committee approves of the advice given to the excellent Past Masters' Association in regard to lodge summonses and other matters of equally great importance.

Your Committee cordially recommend to Grand Lodge the approval of the gift of the Grand Master on our behalf of \$1,000 to the National Memorial to the late Queen Alexandra, of gentle and gracious memory.

Your Committee note with pleasure the visits paid by the Grand Master to sister Grand Jurisdictions, to Northern Ontario, to groups of lodges and to district meetings, all productive of much good to the welcoming Craft who greeted him.

Your Committee note with pleasure the generous tribute paid by the Grand Master to his official family and to veterans of the Craft, whose co-operation he so much appreciated.

Your Committee can add nothing to, and would not by comment subtract anything from the clear and beautiful tracing of the Grand Master upon the relationship of Masonry to Education and to the Church, to which the Craft has ever been—must ever be—the willing handmaid and ally, a ladder and channel of service.

Your Committee can only say, in concluding their report, that the peroration and conclusion of his address is a prose poem, and do assure him that not merely by his official message, but also by his qualities as a great administrator, a captain of Craft industry, and, as a very manly man and brother, he has helped materially to realize the aspiration and to bring about that time, when, to use the lines so graphically quoted by him,

“In every heart and brain shall throb,
The pulse of one fraternity.”

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON,

E. T. MALONE

F. W. HARCOURT,

Past Grand Masters.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and resolved: That the report of the Board on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren, having been duly elected by their respective districts, were confirmed in office by the M.W. the Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. A. B. Evans.....	Fort William
" Jas. L. Mitchener.....	Cayuga
" Chas. T. Boss.....	Walkerton
" John R. Macpherson.....	Duart
" Jas. C. Macfarlane.....	Cornwall
" Harvey J. Milne.....	Kingston
" Thos. Robinson.....	Cookstown
" Wm. J. Price.....	Orangeville
" Robt. W. Small.....	Hamilton
" Fred W. Davidson.....	Hamilton
" Russell R. Lee.....	London
" Thos. Greavett.....	Gravenhurst
" John C. Fralick.....	Welland
" Geo. B. Alford.....	North Bay
" Beverley L. H. Bamford.....	Listowel
" Graydon Goodfellow.....	Whitby
" Arthur Collins.....	Cobden
" Wilfred R. Morris.....	Peterborough
" Oscar L. Morrow.....	Brighton
" Wm. E. McKelvey.....	Sarnia
" Andrew J. Mackay.....	Goderich
" James H. Kidd.....	Burritt's Rapids
" Geo. J. Stevenson.....	Appin
" Wm. E. McCready.....	Haileybury
" Wm. J. Moore.....	Toronto
" Rev. A. M. McLellan.....	Claremont
" Chas. S. Hamilton.....	Toronto
" Wm. J. Dunlop.....	Toronto
" Cyrus R. Hart.....	Omeme
" Timothy C. Wardley.....	Elora
" Jos. E. Biddle.....	Port Rowan
" Geo. H. Arnott.....	Windsor

The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were then installed and invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, with the exception of R.W. Bros. A. B. Evans, W. J. Price and W. R. Morris, who were installed subsequently by direction of the Grand Master.

DISPOSITION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with his notice of motion it was moved by V.W. Bro. A. S. McPherson, seconded by R.W. Bro. F. G. Inwood:

To eliminate Rule 2 on Benevolence, page 114, Grand Lodge Constitution, and substitute therefore the following:—In any city or district in which there are lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, there may be established, by the vote of a majority of the lodges in said city or district, a local board of relief. Such local boards shall be composed of representatives from each lodge in such city or district, elected annually by open vote of the members present at the election of officers of the lodge, and shall have power to frame a code of by-laws and elect a chairman and a secretary-treasurer, and when the formation of such board and its by-laws have been approved by the Board of General Purposes, the same shall be considered a duly constituted Local Board of Relief under Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried by the requisite majority.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CELEBRATION

The Special Committee appointed to consider ways of celebrating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, reported through the Chairman, R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, as follows

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Most Worshipful Master and Brethren:—

In pursuance to the resolution passed at the last communication of Grand Lodge your committee has considered the question both individually and collectively.

A number of views have been presented as to the form which this celebration should take, and your committee has not fully decided on all features that might and should reasonably be included in the scheme called for in the Resolution.

The Committee however recommend that the history of this Grand Lodge should be carried forward to 1930 from the date to which Most Worshipful Brother John Ross Robertson brought it in his History of Masonry in Canada and that a committee composed of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, The Grand Treasurer M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W.M. Logan be appointed by this Grand Lodge to take that work in hand so as to have it completed and reported on at the Session of Grand Lodge in 1930.

Your Committee further recommends that an especial effort be made to have as the guests of Grand Lodge at the 1930 session Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland, and the eight other Canadian Provinces, also representatives from those American Masonic Jurisdictions most intimately associated with this Grand Jurisdiction, and that for such purpose the Grand Master assign to a small sub-committee of this committee the duty of communicating with these Grand Jurisdictions to report on same at our next Session through this committee.

As Benevolence is the foremost characteristic in the minds of the members of your committee to be featured in this celebration, it is recommended that the Benevolent funds of Grand Lodge be augmented in some manner to distinguish the Seventy-fifth anniversary of Grand Lodge, as being the most suitable, and to the greatest benefit and credit of the Order.

Your Committee also recommend that it be continued to enable it to report more fully the scheme at next meeting of Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. J. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, and resolved: That the report of the Special Committtee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

This report was presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, as follows:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

With reference to the petition received from Niagara District for the division of the twenty-five lodges which at the present time constitute Niagara district so as to carve two Masonic districts out of the one district now in existence, it must be borne in mind that this petition was under discussion at the 1926 meeting of Grand Lodge and my report thereon will be found on page 398 of the printed proceedings of last year, to which I would briefly refer. Twenty-four of the twenty-five lodges were reported as in favour of a division into two districts, but no evidence was produced signifying which of the two plans was acceptable to a majority of the lodges. My recommendation was that the incoming D.D.G.M. should place the question with all collected details before the several lodges for a definite choice and report to this year's Board of General Purposes. I further stated that I hesitated to recommend the dividing up of the district unless there was an absolute necessity for the change and that the lodges were practically in accord on the subject. I emphasized the fact that only three years had elapsed since the existing formation of all the districts had been effected after a year of careful consideration and anxiety.

The present D.D.G.M. has reported the result of his work from which and from the material attached thereto I gathered the following facts, namely: That fourteen lodges favoured a division into two districts, one district to be designated Niagara District with fifteen lodges, the other district designated Welland with nine lodges, while on the other hand seven lodges are opposed to any change while four lodges have not signified their views; hence you will observe quite a change of opinion since last year when twenty-four out of twenty-five lodges favoured the change, while at the present time only fourteen lodges desire a change. I also find that the lodges

desiring the change suggest that in the near future there will be a very large population in the south-eastern portion of the peninsula by reason of expected industrial expansion, the completion of the Peace Bridge, the projected cut-off of the Canadian National Railway from Pilkington to Bridgeburg and the possibility of a railroad bridge to Grand Island from the vicinity of Black Creek, Ont., all of which as a natural consequence will require the formation of new lodges, while those opposing a division assert that it would not be in the interests of Masonry to attempt a change at the present time, that all the lodges are accessible by improved highways and can be readily and easily visited by a D.D.G.M. hailing from any part of the district; they are however in accord with the applicants who request a division as to the probability of the creation of new lodges in the near future and suggest that the question of division be postponed.

The existing division of all the districts have been in force for four years only and except by innuendo no reason has been advanced in favour of a change. I recommend that we await the prospective important industrial changes suggested and the probable demand for new lodges, when if the applicants again petition Grand Lodge for a change the same will be carefully considered. In the meantime the request of the petitioners should not receive the approval of Grand Lodge.

With reference to the two petitions received from Nipissing District—one petition from eight of the seventeen lodges with a membership of 1,077 praying that the existing district be divided into two districts, and the other petition from nine lodges of the district with a membership of 1,527 opposed to any change.

The main reason given by those requesting the change is that the long distances which a D.D.G.M. is required to travel in order to visit all of the lodges debar brethren well qualified in other respects to fill the position of D.D.G.M. of the district without serious interference with their business avocations, while those opposing the petition refer to the contracted boundaries of the district as compared to the district when it extended from Kenora in the west to the Nipissing municipalities in the east. They deny that any inconvenience can arise in visiting

the lodges as now formed and that by reason of the sparse population of the district it would not be in the best interests of the craft to make a sub-division.

The present D.D.G.M. in giving his views states that although living at the extreme east end of the district, he suffered no inconvenience in completing his visits to the lodges, that the principal opposition to a change comes from those in the extreme localities of the district, that the lodges are not unanimous and that it would not be in the best interests of the Craft to indulge in changes at the present time.

After careful consideration of both petitions and after my interview with the D.D.G.M. I am of the opinion that Grand Lodge should not concur in the request to subdivide the district.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and resolved: That the report of the Special Committee on Petitions be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

This report was read by the Chairman of the Committee, R.W. Bro. John S. Martin, as follows:

The Committee appointed to report on the Grand Secretary's office beg to submit their findings and recommendations:

1. The Committee are of the opinion that the office is adequately and properly manned, that the method of keeping records would be difficult to improve, and that the general work of the office is being carried on in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

2. Additional equipment should be provided for the filing, storing and proper preservation of old records, stationery and supplies, but the expenditure involved will not be very much and the matter is one which may properly be left to the discretion of the Grand Secretary.

3. While the general management of the office and the control of the staff is and always must be vested in the person of the Grand Secretary, your Committee feel that it is advisable to establish a permanent committee with which the Grand Secretary may consult and advise, with power to fix salaries of the staff should occasion arise, and generally to make such recommendations in regard to the office as it may deem proper. The Committee recommend that this permanent Committee should consist of the Grand Master for the time being, and the third member to be appointed by the Board of General Purposes, and that in the meantime and until further appointment is made, the third member of the committee should be M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

Fraternally submitted,

(sgd) JOHN S. MARTIN,
E. T. MALONE,
JOHN A. ROWLAND, Grand Master.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, and resolved: That the report of this Special Committee be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone and the election of officers was proceeded with.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labour at twelve o'clock, noon.

CALLED ON

Grand Lodge resumed labour at one-thirty o'clock p.m., the Grand Master on the throne.

OFFICERS ELECTED

R.W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following report of the brethren elected to the various offices and to the Board of General Purposes; also of the place selected for the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge:

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hon. John S. Martin, Port Dover.
Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Toronto.

Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Geo. Fairley, Guelph.
 Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Samuel Kirk, Georgetown
 Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. P. N. Knight, Alliston.
 Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.
 Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W.M. Logan, Hamilton.
 Grand Registrar, R.W. Bro. H. W. Temple, Hamilton.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Hamilton.
 R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto.
 R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Barrie.
 R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid, Windsor.
 R.W. Bro. J. Birnie Smith, London.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Windsor.

During the time of waiting for the report of the Scrutineers, the Grand Master called upon some of our distinguished visitors to address the brethren and M.W. Bro. Lou Winsor, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of Michigan, R.W. Bro. Wm. E. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain of Michigan and R.W. Bro. . Newton, Deputy Grand Master of Michigan delighted the members of Grand Lodge with their eloquent words.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the officers elect in due and ancient form, and they were proclaimed and greeted with Grand Honours.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. G. H. Ryerson, Brantford.
 R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, Strathroy.
 R.W. Bro. E. W. F. Saunders, Toronto.
 R.W. Bro. Jos. Fowler, Sudbury.
 R.W. Bro. G. H. Smith, Toronto.

and for the term of one year—

R.W. Bro. E. W. Barber, Toronto.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. J. D. Malcolm, Kincardine.
 Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. W. B. Milliken, K.C. Toronto.
 Grand Supt. of Works, V.W. Bro. T. W. Farmer, Hamilton.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Foster, Parkhill.
 Asst. Grand Chaplain, V.W. Bro. Rev. D. Cornish, Port Dover.
 Asst. Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. C. L. Gamble, Brantford.
 Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. R. E. Burns, Toronto.
 Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. F. H. Batty, Port Hope.
 Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. H. W. Hinman, Guelph.
 Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. J. W. Bearder, Ottawa.
 Asst. Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. E. R. Bowles, Toronto.
 Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. Wm. Backhouse, Port Burwell.

Grand Stewards

V.W. Bro. J. W. Adams.....	Windsor
" H. S. Allen.....	Warkworth
" Wm. Bain.....	Toronto..
" C. W. Barwell.....	Port Dover
" P. T. Bowlby.....	Tweed
" N. J. Boyd.....	Mitchell
" W. J. Boyle.....	Orillia
" T. R. Browne.....	Ottawa
" A. Bunn.....	Leamington
" W. T. Cameron.....	Sioux Lookout
" J. F. Carmichael.....	Kitchener
" G. D. Colquhoun.....	Wales
" Alfred E. Covell.....	Toronto
" V. de Carle.....	Brockville
" Geo. Fisher.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" C. J. Hamilton.....	Cornwall
" John Henderson.....	Clarkson
" J. H. Jenkinson.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" W. H. Johns.....	S. Porcupine
" E. W. W. Loughhead.....	Centerville
" F. G. Logan.....	Toronto
" J. J. Madden.....	Toronto
" J. A. Magee.....	Hanover
" J. C. Mercer.....	Markdale
" Wm. Moull.....	Toronto
" D. Munro.....	Hamilton
" R. L. Murdock.....	York
" M. H. MacCallum.....	Fenelon Falls
" D. S. L. MacDougall.....	Toronto
" S. McCoy.....	London
" R. H. Reid.....	Woodstock
" E. H. Richards.....	Toronto
" C. F. Richardson.....	Teeswater
" W. H. Roberts.....	Toronto
" A. E. Scythes.....	Weston
" L. M. Singer.....	Toronto
" W. H. Stapleton.....	St. Thomas
" J. H. Sullivan.....	Chatham
" L. B. Tufford.....	Beamsville
" E. C. Ward.....	Cochrane
" W. E. C. Workman.....	Sarnia
" G. L. Ziegler.....	Parry Sound

Grand Standard Bearers

W.V. Bro. B. Griffin.....Hamilton
 " T. W. Needham.....Bryanston

TESTIMONIAL TO GRAND MASTER

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and resolved: That a Committee be appointed to select and present on behalf of this Grand Lodge a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, in recognition of his distinguished services to Grand Lodge and the Craft during his two years of office.

VOTES OF THANKS

It was moved by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, seconded by the Deputy Grand Master, and resolved:

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Premier and the other members of the Provincial Government for their kindness in allowing Grand Lodge to hold its Annual Communication in the commodious building and beautiful grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College.

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be extended to the citizens of Guelph and especially to the local committees, both of the city and of the college, whose unremitting efforts and constant care have left nothing undone to secure the comfort and pleasure of the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain having invoked the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon the members of Grand Lodge during the morning recess, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, July 21st, 1927.



Grand Secretary

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

See Pages 386—389 for List of

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara.....	Niagara.....	J. F. Schmidt.....	A. J. Wood.....
3	aAnct. St. John's.....	Kingston.....	C. C. Folger.....	A. W. Cathcart.....
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	H. J. Rothwell.....	Thos. H. Guest.....
6	aBarton.....	Hamilton.....	B. O. Hooper.....	W. H. F. Whateley.....
7	aUnion.....	Grimsby.....	L. J. Farrell.....	L. A. Bromley.....
9	aUnion.....	Napanee.....	J. M. Simpson.....	J. G. Fennell.....
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	J. Anguish.....	S. L. King.....
11	aMoira.....	Belleville.....	W. H. F. Ketcheson.....	Geo. Dulmage.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	H. H. Bedford-Jones.....	F. V. Buffam.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	Samuel Kearns.....	A. N. Lindsay.....
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	B. J. Miller.....	Wm. Lawrence.....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	A. E. Challis.....	M. A. Hewson.....
18	aPrince Edward.....	Picton.....	C. Hurlbut.....	Jas. H. Colden.....
20	aSt. John's.....	London.....	W. H. Kipp.....	Rich Booth.....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	W. R. Hall.....	D. S. McPhee.....
22	aKing Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	H. I. Moody.....	P. H. Walker.....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	J. A. Monkman.....	N. F. A. Batty.....
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	J. R. Drew.....	G. W. Fluker.....
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	C. A. Seager.....	W. M. Hargraft.....
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	S. N. Haskill.....	F. H. Batty.....
27	aStrict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	C. M. Dent.....	H. W. Linton.....
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	A. I. Lewis.....	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	A. L. May.....	B. C. H. Becker.....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	R. McNee.....	J. W. Bateman.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	R. J. Gill.....	Thos. Annison.....
32	aAmity.....	Dunnville.....	C. R. Bilger.....	S. W. Lymburner.....
33	aMaitland.....	Goderich.....	N. M. McKay.....	R. J. Megaw.....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstburg.....	W. Moore.....	L. J. Pettypiece.....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	F. Barraclough.....	H. J. Hoshal.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	R. S. Clark.....	R. T. Agar.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton.....	G. A. Sprentall.....	W. J. Potts.....
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	R. K. Lawrence.....	Thos. R. Price.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton.....	H. M. Moore.....	B. L. Simpson.....
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	C. G. Fagan.....	L. E. Frost.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London.....	W. P. Mitchell.....	Thos. Dickson.....
43	aKing Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	D. Spence.....	A. W. Massie.....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	F. H. Singer.....	F. W. Judd.....
45	aBrant.....	Brantford.....	G. R. Millard.....	Geo. Whitwill.....
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	W. J. McCall.....	J. A. MacGregor.....
47	aGreat Western.....	Windsor.....	S. T. Wallace.....	W. G. Wells.....
48	aMadoc.....	Madoc.....	G. West.....	A. D. Cochran.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon.....	H. A. Weir.....	H. J. Chase.....
52	aDalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	E. H. Scammell.....	H. W. Jackson.....
54	aVaughan.....	Maple.....	G. W. Bailey.....	J. T. Pollock.....
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville.....	M. R. Angus.....	M. G. Corbett.....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia.....	E. H. G. Longley.....	H. W. Unsworth.....
57	aHarmony.....	Binbrook.....	E. Hendershott.....	Jas. D. Rose.....
58	aDoric.....	Ottawa.....	G. Conley.....	J. A. Ross.....
61	aAcacia.....	Hamilton.....	R. F. Hill.....	C. E. Kelly.....
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	C. E. Warner.....	Thos. J. Hicks.....
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	H. E. Menzies.....	D. H. McIntosh.....
64	aKilwinning.....	London.....	W. M. B. Boyd.....	W. Lancaster.....
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto.....	R. C. Lawton.....	Geo. H. Mitchell.....
66	aDurham.....	Newcastle.....	G. Law.....	J. W. Bradley.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	A. R. Seldon.....	P. L. Smith.....
69	aStirling.....	Stirling.....	W. L. Fox.....	C. F. Linn.....
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	J. Neill.....	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Mary's.....	M. Taylor.....	N. L. Brandon.....
74	aSt. James.....	S. Augusta.....	R. Ferguson.....	F. L. Bissell.....

AT DECEMBER 31, 1926.

Special Addresses of Secretaries

of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist.

are corrected up to July 18, 1927.

No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	4	3	1	2					174
3	1st Thursday.....	19	19	15	1	4	5	6				392
5	3rd Monday.....	14	16	17	1		6	8			1	419
6	2nd Wednesday.....	14	14	10	4	3	20	3			1	532
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	9	7	7	11	2	1					242
9	Frid. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	9	2	6	3	9				256
10	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	4		2	2				205
11	1st Wednesday.....	22	14	9	2	1	5	7			5	455
14	1st Monday.....	4	6	6		2	3				1	195
15	2nd Tuesday.....	23	16	14	2	3	2	12				322
16	2nd Tuesday.....	15	14	14	1	5	14	10			2	686
17	2nd Tuesday.....	9	7	5	2	2	7	6				273
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	12	9	8	4		7	2			1	279
20	2nd Tuesday.....	9	11	11	2	1	8				1	509
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	7	3	12	1					110
22	2nd Thursday.....	10	9	10	1	2	3	6				487
23	3rd Wednesday.....	1	4	4	2							129
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	16	9	9	1	4	1					251
25	1st Wednesday.....	4	5	5	3	1	4	1				362
26	3rd Friday.....	7	7	9	5	6						196
27	3rd Friday.....	17	16	17	2	3	2				1	534
28	Friday bef. F.M.	4	3	4		1	1	3				103
29	1st Tuesday.....	2	1	1	1	1	3	3			1	202
30	1st Friday.....	1	4	4	4	1	1	1				156
31	2nd Wednesday.....	9	9	10		1	2				2	217
32	Wed on or after F.M.	9	12	9	16	3						241
33	2nd Tuesday.....	10	9	7	4	2	5					245
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	13	12	11	1		3				1	189
35	Thurs. on or after F.M.	8	8	8	1	3						120
37	1st Friday.....	5	5	4	1	1	3					198
38	2nd Tuesday.....	23	16	15	1	4	2	5			3	286
39	Tues on or bef F.M.	2	2	2	1	2		10				91
40	3rd Thursday.....	10	9	11	8	8	15	8			1	641
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	19	18	16	3	1	2	6			2	285
42	1st Thursday.....	11	13	16	1	1	5	3			1	364
43	1st Tuesday.....	22	19	17	3	5	3	5				437
44	1st Thursday.....	13	12	14	2	5	6	4			3	521
45	2nd Tuesday.....	14	19	28	5	5	11	2			2	494
46	1st Monday.....	9	9	10		2	3	6				364
47	1st Thursday.....	31	33	36	2	6	4	16			15	933
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	11	9	9	2	1	1				1	182
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2							2	98
52	1st Tuesday.....	12	13	12		1	9	5				488
54	Tues. on or bef F.M.	3	2	1		1	1					88
55	Tues on or bef. F.M.						1					116
56	1st Tuesday.....	11	14	13	1	3	4				2	378
57	Wed on or bef. F.M.	4	2	5	1		1					171
58	3rd Thursday.....	9	12	11	1	3	4	5				405
61	2nd Friday.....	25	26	26	13	6	8	13			4	885
62	3rd Thursday.....	4	6	4	2	1	2					140
63	2nd Wednesday.....	1	3	3	2	2	2					241
64	3rd Friday.....	15	22	16	7	5	10	11			1	472
65	1st Thursday.....	21	22	21	1	6	17	8			1	651
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4	1	2	1	2			1	93
68	3rd Friday.....	3	2	3		1		2			1	161
69	Thursday on or aft. F.M.	7	8	8	1		1					141
72	Last Tuesday.....	6	6	4		3	12	4			1	238
73	1st Monday.....	4	5	6	3	3		20			1	145
74	Mon. nearest F.M.	1	3	3			2	2			1	79

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on or near the Festival

The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	J. W. Brade.....	Wm. J. Charles.....
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	L. W. Lefler.....	J. W. Dutton.....
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	R. R. Warner.....	C. L. Davidson.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	A. M. Hall.....	H. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	F. Smelser.....	F. Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	J. H. Gibbs.....	G. E. Longfield.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	S. B. Stickland.....	Robt. Mason.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	I. L. Morgan.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	T. G. Scribbens.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	H. R. Fortune.....	A. E. Watt.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	W. A. Drummond.....	W. L. Lawer.....
87	aMarkham Union.....	Markham.....	J. H. Gowland.....	L. A. Kennedy.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	G. E. Dunoon.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	K. Nettleton.....	D. M. Hughes.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	D. W. Ives.....	John T. Gordon.....
92	aCatarqui.....	Kingston.....	G. W. Boss.....	W. H. Dalby.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	J. G. Morrison.....	M. J. McPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	J. Dehnitt.....	H. G. Goodhue.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	H. G. Robertson.....	A. H. Felt.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	R. G. Strasler.....	W. B. Fairbairn.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	N. S. Courtney.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	S. W. Otton.....	P. J. Anderson.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	M. Scringier.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	A. J. Throop.....	R. F. Downey.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	J. Failes.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	G. Young.....	E. W. Moles.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	W. Bromhall.....	H. F. Garner.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	G. Polley.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	F. Tyler.....	R. A. McDougall.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	A. Pellow.....	C. P. Cowan.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	E. C. Leonard.....	C. A. Copp.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	R. Simpson.....	C. H. Ranson.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	R. C. Laning.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	C. S. Hamey.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	N. M. Wilson.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Theftord.....	G. Elliott.....	C. L. Langford.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	M. Stewart.....	R. W. Stewart.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	C. B. Collupy.....	F. G. Young.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	W. A. Braddon.....	F. H. Hunter.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	D. M. Waterous.....	T. R. Logan.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	J. C. Simpson.....	Jas. F. Mayhew.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	V. H. Graves.....	John McCarthy.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	W. H. Eaton.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	R. N. Hardy.....	F. C. Bonnycastle.....
127	aFranck.....	Frankford.....	A. E. Arthur.....	Geo. D. Wright.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	W. L. Smyth.....	W. F. Garrow.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	C. V. Peterson.....	S. C. Taylor.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	L. Matheson.....	Fred Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	W. Frayne.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	G. Galbraith.....	P. D. Shorey.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	H. Brillinger.....	A. V. Nolan.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	W. N. Young.....	F. H. Finlay.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	G. Hart.....	W. A. Hare.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	J. J. Campbell.....	A. E. Richardson.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	W. S. Bennett.....	W. D. Perry.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	A. W. Lavis.....	W. C. Davy.....
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	W. J. Armstrong.....	H. Hamilton.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	F. Matheson.....	S. W. Rust.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	R. I. Fallis.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....

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of St. John the Evangelist, all others on or near that of St. John the Baptist
are corrected up to July 18, 1927.

No. of Lodges	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
75	1st Monday.....	14	11	8	1	3	6	7			1	394
76	2nd Monday.....	13	12	10	3	3	3	4			3	316
77	1st Friday.....	6	6	7	4	7						340
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	15	15	16	5	3	5	3			1	275
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	3	3	2	1	2	2	2				132
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	7	3	2	3	3			1	117
82	2nd Tuesday.....	5	7	7		1	2				1	207
83	3rd Friday.....	6	5	4	3		1	4			1	201
84	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	6	8	3	1		1	6			2	136
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	3	3	3	1	1	3	2				91
86	3rd Tuesday.....	15	16	16	2	5	4	3			2	487
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	14	15	10	1	2	2	1				181
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	9	11	10	4	2	2				2	263
90	2nd Tuesday.....	5	6	5		5	5	5			3	265
91	3rd Friday.....	1	7	6		2	1	7			4	130
92	2nd Friday.....	11	13	14	2	8	11				4	449
93	1st Wednesday.....	11	10	11	3	4		2				196
94	2nd Tuesday.....	1	2	3		1		4			1	90
96	1st Thursday.....	11	13	13	2	3	4				1	342
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	3	3	5	1	2	2	5			2	108
98	Friday on or aft. F.M.....	4	3	3	1		2	6				65
99	2nd Wednesday.....	8	5	2	1	2	2	9				152
100	2nd Monday.....	10	10	10	3	4	2	1				319
101	3rd Friday.....	11	11	11	1	6	3	2				254
103	Last Thursday.....	11	8	15	3	5	6	9				381
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.....	6	7	5	4	1	3	4			1	168
105	2nd Tuesday.....	11	12	12	3	4	2					327
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	4	9	9		2	1	13			1	139
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	1	2	2	2		4				1	113
108	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	4	3	3	1	5	1	2			1	97
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.....	10	9	9	3	2	1	2				165
110	1st Tuesday.....	4	4	4		1	5					184
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	4		4	1	1				171
114	1st Friday.....	9	5	4	2	2	2	7			1	268
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	7	7	11	4	1	5	2				216
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	3	2	3		5						70
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	1	3	5			1	4				76
119	Monday after F.M.....	5	6	5							2	131
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	3	3	5		3	1	3				75
121	3rd Friday.....	18	16	10	3	6	12	3				670
122	1st Monday.....	7	10	13	3	1	4	1				179
123	1st Thursday.....	29	27	28	3	1	4	6				363
125	1st Wednesday.....	11	11	7			2					223
126	1st Tuesday.....	15	14	13	3	3	2	1				216
127	Monday before F.M.....	3	3	4	1	2	2					181
128	1st Thursday.....	8	6	7	2		1					212
129	1st Friday.....	4	5	4	1	2	1	7				156
131	Tue. on or aft. F. M.....	7	6	8		1	2	3				118
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.....	5	5	5	3	3	2	2				127
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.....	6	2	1	2	1						158
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.....	9	7	7	1	1						87
137	1st Tuesday.....	2	3	5	2	3	1					147
139	2nd Tuesday.....	9	14	15	2	5	5	3				286
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	6	6	5	4	6	3	1			1	169
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	2	2	5	3					139
142	1st Friday.....	3	2	2	2	1	1					108
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.....	10	7	3		3	3					138
144	3rd Friday.....	13	12	8	2	6	6	7			2	380
145	2nd Thursday.....	1	2	2		2		2				98

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
146	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	E. C. Vandervoort.....	Delbert Sexsmith.....
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	C. Robertson.....	S. Bradley.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	P. D. Wilson.....	H. W. Lothrop.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	W. J. Wamsley.....	John C. King.....
151	aGrand River.....	Kitchener.....	A. Inrig.....	P. Fisher.....
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	C. Brooks.....	Alex. McManus.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	D. A. Sutherland.....	C. J. Murdy.....
155	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough.....	R. S. Cotton.....	F. H. Dobbin.....
156	aYork.....	Toronto.....	B. Logie.....	W. E. Hoffman.....
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro'.....	G. S. Duncan.....	B. F. Bolton.....
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	A. M. Knight.....	J. W. Sutherland.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond.....	D. A. Brownlee.....	S. B. Gordon.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth.....	R. R. Mallory.....	A. M. Smale.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	J. H. Wylie.....	Tbos. Brown.....
164	aStar of the East.....	Wellington.....	H. McCartney.....	E. L. Huhbs.....
165	aBurlington.....	Burlington.....	J. H. McCormack.....	Jas. S. Allen.....
166	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	S. H. McCombs.....	John H. Lee.....
168	aMerritt.....	Welland.....	J. R. Scott.....	L. R. Brennan.....
169	aMacnab.....	Port Colborne.....	W. H. Cowan.....	W. A. Hicks.....
170	aBritannia.....	Seaforth.....	E. C. Chamberlain.....	C. Aberhart.....
171	aPrince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	R. G. Little.....	F. Coutts.....
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	G. H. Lawrence.....	A. D. McIntyre.....
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	W. Hunter.....	J. E. Biddle.....
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	T. C. Miller.....	J. J. McGill.....
178	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville.....	J. B. English.....	John Bristow.....
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph.....	W. J. Mitchell.....	Bard Whetstone.....
181	aOriental.....	Port Burwell.....	H. Hazen.....	Rev. L. W. Diehl.....
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	W. A. Mair.....	R. V. McKenzie.....
185	aEnniskillen.....	York.....	A. W. Mellon.....	E. S. Bradt.....
186	aPlantagenet.....	Riceville.....	W. Wilson.....	G. A. Ryan.....
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	H. Peer.....	J. F. Turner.....
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia.....	F. Gover.....	Wm. J. Boyle.....
193	aScotland.....	Scotland.....	W. Malcolm.....	C. W. Stuart.....
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia.....	R. J. Aiken.....	J. R. Steadman.....
195	aTuscan.....	London.....	F. S. Ashplant.....	B. H. Higgins.....
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior.....	W. J. S. Cardiff.....	Henry Newham.....
197	aSaugeen.....	Walkerton.....	F. B. James.....	C. T. Boss.....
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	H. Skales.....	Geo. F. S. LeWarne.....
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque.....	E. C. Howard.....	A. L. Knight.....
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	F. W. Rogers.....	R. D. Cardno.....
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	F. Anguish.....	E. S. Bechtel.....
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster.....	B. McNaughton.....	John C. Dunlop.....
209	aEvergreen.....	Lanark.....	R. H. McIlquham.....	Robt. Wilson.....
209a	aSt. John's.....	London.....	E. L. Geoghegan.....	Edwin Smith.....
215	aLake.....	Ameliasburg.....	N. Gooding.....	H. E. Redner.....
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville.....	J. M. Aiken.....	John Norris.....
217	aFrederick.....	Delft.....	G. P. Marshall.....	M. MacPherson.....
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto.....	E. G. Cahoon.....	H. C. H. Corneil.....
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown.....	W. Lawson.....	Geo. Ford.....
220	aZeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	R. W. Pickering.....	V. M. Hare.....
221	aMountain.....	Thorold.....	O. R. Steadman.....	W. J. Mable.....
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora.....	A. V. Yates.....	D. E. Bell.....
223	aNorwood.....	Norwood.....	J. Brooks.....	J. F. Pearce.....
224	aZurich.....	Hensall.....	J. A. Bolton.....	A. W. E. Hemphill.....
225	aBernard.....	Listowel.....	W. A. Johnstone.....	J. H. Blackmore.....
228	aPrince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	M. Wemp.....	E. S. Parrott.....
229	aIonic.....	Brampton.....	J. C. Wiggins.....	A. Firth.....
230	aKerr.....	Barrie.....	D. W. Emms.....	E. McFadden.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	F. W. Smith.....	Robt. Shaw.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
146	Wed. bef. F.M.	6	4	3	1	1		6				89
147	1st Friday	4	4	4	2	3	2					157
148	2nd Tuesday	4	4	4	1	7	3	1				345
149	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	5	5	2	3					134
151	2nd Tuesday	20	20	23	2	4	6	3				383
153	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	4	3		1	1			1	132
154	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	5	1	6	3	3				112
155	1st Friday	18	15	19	3	1	3					357
156	3rd Friday	14	13	12	1	3	6					437
157	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2			2		2	1				86
158	Thurs. on or after F.M.	7	2			3	2	7				91
159	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		1	3				1	82
161	1st Wednesday	13	12	16	1	2	3					121
162	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4	1							67
164	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3		1	2					140
165	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	8	2	2	3	3			2	239
166	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	9	2	1	7				1	276
168	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	19	17	17	3	4	6	3				250
169	2nd Tuesday	12	12	10	5	3	1	5				201
170	1st Monday	4	6	6		2	1				2	142
171	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	1			1						50
172	2nd Monday	6	6	7			2	2				89
174	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1		2	7			3	117
177	2nd Friday	3	4	3	3	5	4	1				423
178	Fri. on or bef. F.M.											64
180	1st Tuesday	15	15	10	6	3	2				1	322
181	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	8		4		5				66
184	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7		2	2					169
185	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1			1	8			1	65
186	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	1			1				1	61
190	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		1		2				107
192	1st Friday	21	21	14	3	3	6	4				426
193	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	5	1		2	12			7	128
194	2nd Wednesday	18	16	15	1	2	2					217
195	1st Monday	9	9	5	5	3	2					303
196	2nd Monday	7	5	9		1	2					166
197	2nd Tuesday	7	6	7		2						161
200	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	6	7	2	2	2	1				115
201	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	9	5	1	2	4	3					261
203	3rd Friday	4	4	4	2	1	2					122
205	Mon. after F.M.	4	4	4	1	1		3				56
207	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1		2	2	3				117
209	1st Tuesday	4	5	3	1	2	1	3			1	92
209a	1st Friday	12	11	11		2					3	641
215	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	10			2	1				109
216	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	14	11	7	6	6	4	5			1	244
217	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	6	2	2	1					94
218	2nd Monday	8	12	10		5	6	5			1	382
219	2nd Friday	6	7	7	7	1	1				1	165
220	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	5	10	9	1	2	8			3	208
221	2nd Thursday	4	4	5	3		2	4			1	270
222	3rd Monday	5	5	6		1	2	1				129
223	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3		4	2	1			1	104
224	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1		1	1	2		3			1	93
225	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	10	8	8	1		2	1				232
228	Mon. on or after F.M.	7	5	3			3				1	111
229	3rd Tuesday	14	11	18	3	1	2	5				257
230	3rd Friday	7	8	7	4	3	2					318
231	3rd Tuesday	10	11	8	1	3	7	7			1	421

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	aCameron.....	Dutton.....	M. Smith.....	M. S. Claus.....
233	aDoric.....	Parkhill.....	E. H. McPherson.....	J. H. Young.....
234	aBeaver.....	Clarksburg.....	G. E. Keast.....	Thos. G. Idle.....
235	aAldworth.....	Paisley.....	L. S. McClure.....	H. McKerracher.....
236	aManitoba.....	Cookstown.....	C. M. Smith.....	T. McKnight.....
237	aVienna.....	Vienna.....	C. Bowes.....	S. S. Clutton.....
238	aHavelock.....	Watford.....	A. E. McKercher.....	Peter Garson.....
239	aTweed.....	Tweed.....	R. E. Houston.....	G. D. C. Morton.....
242	aMacey.....	Mallorytown.....	H. Scott.....	John Collins.....
243	aSt. George.....	St. George.....	J. Richards.....	W. J. Scott.....
245	aTecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	R. V. McGuire.....	Angus Graham.....
247	aAshlar.....	Toronto.....	L. A. Winter.....	W. H. Lyon.....
249	aCaledonian.....	Midland.....	R. E. Preston.....	R. R. Wilson.....
250	aThistle.....	Embro.....	A. G. McCorquodale.....	D. J. McLeod.....
253	aMinden.....	Kingston.....	E. B. Vanalstyne.....	R. S. Graham.....
254	aClifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	H. Paterson.....	J. C. Lymburner.....
255	aSydenham.....	Dresden.....	E. R. Paling.....	John French.....
256	aFarran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	W. A. McMillan.....	R. H. Hanes.....
257	aCalt.....	Galt.....	W. O. Beattie.....	E. F. Hetherington.....
258	aGuelph.....	Guelph.....	R. M. Finlay.....	F. F. Sweetman.....
259	aSpringfield.....	Springfield.....	J. J. McIntyre.....	Stanley Simpson.....
260	aWashington.....	Petrolia.....	E. A. Smith.....	H. F. Winter.....
261	aOak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	G. A. Smith.....	J. S. Hislop.....
262	aHarriston.....	Harriston.....	F. H. Anthony.....	H. J. Hucks.....
263	aForest.....	Forest.....	G. E. McEwen.....	R. B. Crosbie.....
264	aChaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	R. Golding.....	Henry Gates.....
265	aPatterson.....	Thornhill.....	J. R. Smith.....	J. A. Thompson.....
266	aNorthern Light.....	Stayner.....	G. Huth.....	W. R. Hawkins.....
267	aParthenon.....	Chatham.....	F. R. Burnie.....	J. G. Martin.....
268	aVerulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	G. H. Potts.....	Harry Stinson.....
269	aBrougham Union.....	Claremont.....	J. H. Malcolm.....	I. F. Dopking.....
270	aCedar.....	Oshawa.....	N. E. Felt.....	M. L. Argall.....
271	aWellington.....	Erin.....	H. D. Laughlin.....	T. C. Foster.....
272	aSeymour.....	Ancaster.....	R. J. Cornell.....	Ernest McMullen.....
274	aKent.....	Blenheim.....	W. A. Snow.....	John Crookshank.....
276	aTeeswater.....	Teeswater.....	K. McKenzie.....	G. S. Fowler.....
277	aSeymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	R. MacDonald.....	Thos. O. Johnston.....
279	aNew Hope.....	Hespeler.....	E. Etherington.....	Arthur Pullam.....
282	aLorne.....	Glencoe.....	A. B. Sinclair.....	C. G. Yorke.....
283	aEureka.....	Belleville.....	A. L. Burke.....	W. Jeffers Diamond.....
284	aSt. John's.....	Brussels.....	D. C. Matheson.....	Wm. Gillespie.....
285	aSeven Star.....	Alliston.....	R. R. Hand.....	W. Caesar.....
286	aWingham.....	Wingham.....	J. J. McGee.....	T. M. Smith.....
287	aShuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	H. Stamworth.....	A. P. Freed.....
289	aDoric.....	Lobo.....	I. Currie.....	P. L. Graham.....
290	aLeamington.....	Leamington.....	T. H. Maidens.....	G. A. Campbell.....
291	aDufferin.....	W. Flamboro.....	J. B. Graham.....	Wesley Grep.....
292	aRobertson.....	King.....	C. Walker.....	Jas. E. Burns.....
291	aMoore.....	Courtright.....	E. G. Kremer.....	C. W. Kent.....
295	aConestogo.....	Drayton.....	E. Simmons.....	Calvert Scarr.....
296	aTemple.....	St. Catharines.....	J. Crawford.....	C. A. Brown.....
297	aPreston.....	Preston.....	G. V. Hilborn.....	Jos. A. King.....
299	aVictoria.....	Centreville.....	K. Lockridge.....	H. A. Carscallen.....
300	aMount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	W. C. Gee.....	R. H. Harding.....
302	aSt. David's.....	St. Thomas.....	G. F. Young.....	W. H. Stapleton.....
303	aBlyth.....	Blyth.....	J. E. Snell.....	Robt. S. Pate.....
304	aMinerva.....	Stroud.....	R. F. Webb.....	G. W. Hewson.....
305	aHumber.....	Weston.....	F. Thain.....	Wm. C. Burrage.....
306	aDurham.....	Durham.....	F. F. McIlwraith.....	E. A. Hay.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
232	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5		3	1				1	128
233	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	4	4	2	2	3						149
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	5	2	1	1	1				103
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	2	1							138
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	5	6	6	2	3		2				133
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		1	1			1	3			1	109
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	4	4	5	2	3					2	109
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	6	5			4	2				171
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.		1	1		1	2					136
243	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	6	4			2	1				96
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	8	1		1					142
247	4th Tuesday	9	9	9		10	1	9				433
249	1st Monday	3	2	3	2	3	3				1	300
250	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4			1					147
253	1st Tuesday	19	21	20	1	6	7	6			1	332
254	1st Thursday	21	17	21	5	7	7	11			2	519
255	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	8	5	1	2	1				2	158
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.			1		1					1	114
257	1st Tuesday	13	18	16	4	2	2	4				302
258	2nd Tuesday	15	15	17	3	2	1				2	322
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	7	8		2	1	12				177
260	1st Wednesday	4	7	6	1	4	5	2				198
261	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		3	1					50
262	2nd Monday	4	2	2	2	1	1					124
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	4	4	3	3					165
264	4th Tuesday	14	10	14		3	8	7			3	417
265	3rd Thursday	7	9	5	2		1	3				150
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	9	15	12	3							90
267	1st Wednesday	16	16	18		5	7	5				512
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	6	2		4					97
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	5	5	5	1	2	2	1			1	110
270	4th Tuesday	15	16	14	2		1					305
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	7	4	1	3	2					113
272	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	6								215
274	Mon on or bef. F.M.	12	8	8	3	7	3	9			1	202
276	4th Thursday	10	6	7				2			1	89
277	2nd Wednesday	6	9	9		1	1					128
279	2nd Monday	3	4	5	2		1					141
282	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	7	1	1	3				1	140
283	2nd Wednesday	11	8	9	2	2	2	4			1	301
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	4	3	2	2					124
285	2nd Monday	7	7	3	4	1		3				180
286	1st Tuesday	3	3	4		2	1	10				160
287	1st Tuesday	15	15	14	3	6	4	7			2	481
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1						1	126
290	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	16	13	10	3	3	3					320
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2			1	2			2	140
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	3		1						88
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4		1		1			1	95
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	8	6		3	1	7			2	125
296	3rd Wednesday	21	16	6	2	3	1					353
297	3rd Friday	7	6	7	3	1	2	2				175
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	5	1		1					80
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	1	2		4				90
302	3rd Thurs.	17	14	13	1	2	4	8				490
303	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3								104
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	11	9	8	2	5	2	1				165
305	4th Friday	23	20	17	6	2	3	9			1	224
306	2nd Tuesday	7	9	8		2	1	1				145

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
307	aArkona.....	Arkona.....	F. W. Glover.....	O. Schmidt.....
309	aMorning Star	Carlow.....	E. Robertson.....	T. H. Wilson.....
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge.....	E. W. Brown.....	John A. Fraser.....
312	aPnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	H. J. Reeves.....	D. F. Johnson.....
313	aClementi.....	Lakefield.....	S. W. Anderson.....	T. W. B. Marling.....
314	aBlair.....	Palmerston.....	R. E. Root.....	J. Corbitt.....
315	aClifford.....	Clifford.....	A. Darroch.....	Wm. Graef.....
316	aDoric.....	Toronto.....	G. A. Glover.....	Geo. W. Wilson.....
318	aWilmot.....	Baden.....	W. H. Harvey.....	A. E. Livingston.....
319	aHiram.....	Hagersville.....	G. H. Smith.....	W. C. VanLoon.....
320	aChester ville.....	Chester ville.....	C. F. Marselis.....	Geo. Elliott.....
321	aWalker.....	Acton.....	C. W. Wilson.....	R. M. McDonald.....
322	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound.....	E. T. Macdonald.....	A. A. Parks.....
323	aAlvinston.....	Alvinston.....	E. C. Axford.....	Jas. Holme.....
324	aTemple.....	Hamilton.....	H. Mellanby.....	H. B. Jackson.....
325	aOrono.....	Orono.....	G. M. Linton.....	Neil Colville.....
326	aZetland.....	Toronto.....	A. G. Parker.....	F. G. Logan.....
327	aHammond.....	Wardsville.....	H. Harvey.....	Roy Henderson.....
328	aIonic.....	Napier.....	H. C. Reid.....	W. T. Buchanan.....
329	aKing Solomon's.....	Jarvis.....	R. H. Fallis.....	R. W. Smith.....
330	aCorinthian.....	London.....	L. P. Malone.....	H. J. Childs.....
331	aFordwich.....	Fordwich.....	C. Harris.....	A. C. Hutchison.....
332	aStratford.....	Stratford.....	L. H. Bexon.....	E. Denroche.....
333	aPrince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	S. R. Pedlar.....	C. F. Lawrence.....
334	aPrince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	C. T. Tough.....	W. G. Gorvett.....
336	aHighgate.....	Highgate.....	L. E. Smith.....	J. C. Montgomery.....
337	aMyrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	L. M. Holditch.....	Chas. S. Ross.....
338	aDufferin.....	Wellandport.....	G. Covil.....	Chas. Gilmore.....
339	aOrient.....	Toronto.....	E. L. Blain.....	H. G. Ashley.....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton.....	N. Grunder.....	D. A. McLaren.....
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	J. Curtis.....	Geo. Thompson.....
344	aMerrill.....	Dorchester.....	C. C. Sanborn.....	R. A. Logan.....
345	aNilestown.....	Nilestown.....	H. E. Reeve.....	J. F. Johnson.....
346	aOccident.....	Occident.....	A. C. Knox.....	Wm. M. Williams.....
347	aMercer.....	Fergus.....	J. Matthews.....	Peter Perry.....
348	aGeorgian.....	Penetanguishene.....	W. E. Bradley.....	R. D. Keefe.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound.....	A. M. Brown.....	J. D. Broughton.....
354	aBrock.....	Cannington.....	W. L. Burgis.....	C. F. Bick.....
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville.....	J. K. McLrick.....	R. M. Woodruff.....
357	aWaterdown.....	Millgrove.....	V. Hamilton.....	John A. Dalton.....
358	aDelaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	O. Scott.....	S. Merrill.....
359	aVittoria.....	Vittoria.....	R. Ferris.....	John Pow.....
360	aMuskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	A. F. Bastedo.....	W. G. Gerhart.....
361	aWaverley.....	Guelph.....	W. Templeman.....	W. Simpson.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	C. D. Chittenden.....	R. I. Shannon.....
364	aDufferin.....	Melbourne.....	J. L. Stephenson.....	Geo. J. Stevenson.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	A. J. Everett.....	A. B. Hutchcroft.....
368	aSalem.....	Brockville.....	H. M. Borthwick.....	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	J. A. Whillans.....	W. A. Beecroft.....
370	aHarmony.....	Delta.....	W. W. Berney.....	H. E. Johnson.....
371	aPrince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	C. R. Hickman.....	A. E. Revell.....
372	aPalmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	T. V. Stamp.....	N. D. Graham.....
373	aCopestone.....	Welland.....	H. H. Hilder.....	Alf. Tattersall.....
374	aKeene.....	Keene.....	H. R. Reid.....	Peter Gillespie.....
375	aLorne.....	Omeme.....	A. H. Dick.....	W. J. Thorn.....
376	aUnity.....	Huntsville.....	J. R. Wieler.....	Oscar Wieler.....
377	aLorne.....	Shelburne.....	S. A. McKelvie.....	Samuel Patterson.....
378	aKing Solomon's.....	London.....	H. A. Skinner.....	Wm. Nicholls.....
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston.....	R. Needham.....	T. R. Smibert.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	2	1	5					1	72
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	7	5	2							90
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3	1		1	1				88
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	8	1	2		7				206
313	1st Tuesday	7	6	4	2	1	2					141
314	2nd Friday	8	12	12	2		2	1			1	161
315	3rd Monday	2	2	2		1	1				2	78
316	3rd Thursday	17	13	9		2	8	11				561
318	Fri. on or after F.M.	2	3	3		2						38
319	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	8	12	15	2	2						191
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	4		3	1	1			1	126
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	14	10	6	1		2					140
322	Wed. after F.M.	5	5	4	1	7	1				1	272
323	Wed. on bef. F.M.	4	6	5	1	1	3	3				94
324	2nd Tuesday	13	12	15	2	6	12	4			1	595
325	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	3	1	2		2			3	84
326	4th Friday	20	18	17	6	12	10	7			1	662
327	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4								65
328	Fri. on or bef. F.M.					2						70
329	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4		1	1	2				89
330	1st Tuesday	14	15	14		2	9	3			1	375
331	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2				5			1	61
332	2nd Monday	13	13	11	3	2	4	3			2	356
333	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	4	3	1	2	2				124
334	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	6	2	3	1	2				77
336	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6	1	2	2					106
337	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	3		1	1	3				85
338	Tue. on or bef. F.M.						1	2			1	75
339	1st Tuesday	13	20	15	2	2	7	13			4	460
341	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3		1	1					71
343	1st Saturday	12	15	14	2	3	5	3				512
344	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	10	11	13	2		4	1				88
345	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	8	4			2	7				112
346	3rd Wednesday	13	22	28	2	13	17	11			1	596
347	1st Friday	2	2	2	2	2	1					120
348	1st Thursday	6	6	9	1	5	1	6				133
352	3rd Wednesday	12	14	12		2	4	6			1	290
354	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1	1	1	2					88
356	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7		1		1				129
357	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	6	8	1	2		4				200
358	Thurs. on or before F.M.	1	2	4		1		3			3	69
359	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2	1			1				80
360	1st Tuesday	9	9	7		1	2	1				142
361	4th Monday	12	8	10	8	8	2	2				413
362	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		2						87
364	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	5		1		2				79
367	1st Friday	22	21	23		8	2	13			3	494
368	2nd Monday	18	17	15		6	3	1				308
369	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	15	13	17	1	5	2	7			1	261
370	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	5	1	3	1	1				99
371	4th Friday	9	10	15	6	3	5	2				351
372	1st Tuesday	5	5	6	3		2					183
373	1st Thursday	20	15	15			4	3				262
374	Thur. on or aft. F.M.	2	2	2		1	1					41
375	1st Thursday	4	6	4		1	2					105
376	2nd Wednesday	9	9	12	2	4	1				3	185
377	1st Friday	4	4	5	4		1	8			1	136
378	2nd Thursday	24	19	19	3	3	4	2			3	445
379	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1							71

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Masterf	Secretary
380	aUnion.....	London.....	F. J. Delaney.....	Jos. Ward.....
382	aDoric.....	Hamilton.....	E. E. Walker.....	C. V. Emory.....
383	aHenderson.....	Winchester.....	F. F. Davidson.....	A. H. Annable.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	H. L. Freeston.....	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry.....	Beeton.....	F. Spearing.....	N. P. McDonald.....
386	aMcColl.....	West Lorne.....	M. Campbell.....	A. Smith.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	W. H. Bradley.....	G. H. Landon.....
388	aHenderson.....	Ilderton.....	C. Shipley.....	S. R. Prebble.....
389	aCrystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	A. J. Smith.....	Wm. W. Bobier.....
390	aFlorence.....	Florence.....	C. J. Houston.....	Jas. Beatty.....
391	aHoward.....	Ridgetown.....	E. V. Bingham.....	T. A. Rutledge.....
392	aHuron.....	Camlachie.....	S. G. Richardson.....	John Ferguson.....
393	aForest.....	Chesley.....	W. P. Krug.....	Harry Stevens.....
394	aKing Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	E. R. Patterson.....	W. W. Day.....
395	aParvain.....	Comber.....	E. Bower.....	L. Dean.....
396	aCedar.....	Wiarton.....	A. McVannell.....	T. H. Inns.....
397	aLeopold.....	Bridgen.....	F. G. Kilbreath.....	C. C. Watson.....
398	aVictoria.....	Kirkfield.....	C. J. McKay.....	R. E. Nevison.....
399	aMoffat.....	Harrietsville.....	I. Warlen.....	John MacVicar.....
400	aOakville.....	Oakville.....	A. E. Hillmer.....	E. O. Taylor.....
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto.....	C. W. Malley.....	W. J. Bowen.....
402	aCentral.....	Essex.....	J. R. Johnston.....	H. V. McGill.....
403	aWindsor.....	Windsor.....	J. F. Whyte.....	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	J. W. Milligan.....	John A. Brown.....
405	aMattawa.....	Mattawa.....	J. H. Spec.....	A. I. Tongue.....
406	aSpry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	A. W. Robson.....	H. J. Townley.....
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	J. J. Gillespie.....	W. C. Latimer.....
409	aGolden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	E. M. Clipsham.....	W. H. Butterworth.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	J. A. Chambers.....	W. E. Robson.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	R. Ward.....	C. M. Markle.....
412	aKeystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	W. J. W. Johnston.....	E. M. Shaw.....
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilbury.....	W. B. Robinson.....	P. M. Lampman.....
414	aPequonga.....	Kenora.....	W. Robertson.....	J. B. Davis.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	J. H. Evans.....	C. E. Coombes.....
416	aLyn.....	Lyn.....	C. Booth.....	F. Stafford.....
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	F. L. Sweet.....	P. E. Baker.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	M. B. Stewart.....	W. S. McLean.....
419	aLiberty.....	Sarnia.....	A. Lickorish.....	W. J. Alcock.....
420	aNipissing.....	North Bay.....	E. G. Tilt.....	Dr. B. F. Nott.....
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	G. W. Hamilton.....	W. L. Craig.....
422	aStar of the East.....	Bothwell.....	A. W. Downie.....	B. H. Hankinson.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	L. D. Lang.....	A. M. Church.....
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	R. Winters.....	C. A. Sterritt.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	C. F. Rathburn.....	A. McRitchie.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	W. R. Saunders.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	E. A. Martin.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	aFidelity.....	Port Perry.....	J. A. Hayden.....	J. W. Crozier.....
429	aPort Perry.....	Port Perry.....	D. A. Robertson.....	A. L. Wyant.....
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	H. P. Phillips.....	E. Pickles.....
431	aMoravian.....	Cargill.....	P. C. Hunstein.....	M. L. Ziegler.....
432	aHanover.....	Hanover.....	M. L. Ball.....	W. D. Staples.....
433	aBonnechere.....	Eganville.....	J. M. Joynt.....	R. G. Boland.....
434	aAlgonquin.....	Emsdale.....	B. Sine.....	Jas. Metcalfe.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	W. H. Rose.....	H. F. McNichol.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	G. Roseborough.....	C. W. Sinclair.....
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	J. B. Nickell.....	W. J. Barrie.....
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	D. R. Leask.....	Thos. Robertson.....
439	aAlexandria.....	Alexandria.....	G. W. Layland.....	H. L. Cheney.....
440	aArcadia.....	Minden.....	F. H. Graham.....	W. Macarthur.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	A. I. Crozier.....	John D. Adams.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
380	2nd Monday	10	9	9	2	1	5	4			1	381
382	3rd Monday	8	9	13	3	4	5	9			1	543
383	1st Wednesday	7	4	6	2	1	1	4				103
384	1st Thursday	22	22	26	3	2	8	7			1	669
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1	1	1					90
386	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	8		2					1	175
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	1	1		1				92
388	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3		5	2					113
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1	1	1	9				91
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	8	6	1	2						89
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4	1	1	2				1	167
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4				1				106
393	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	6			1					129
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1		2	2	2				122
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3	1	1	1	2				85
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	9	9	1	2	1					178
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4			2					122
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1	1			1				97
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1	1	1				2	79
400	1st Tuesday	11	12	10	1	4	3	5				243
401	1st Tuesday	4	6	6	1	4						128
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	5	3	1	2				4	185
403	1st Friday	32	33	30	2	5	6	26			13	617
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	1			3		1			2	71
405	1st Tuesday	3	3	2			1					113
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	1	3	1	3		1				107
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	6		3	1					128
409	2nd Monday	3	5	4	1	3	1				1	144
410	4th Friday	16	12	14	1	4	9	3				482
411	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	9	7	5								112
412	1st Tuesday	14	11	13	2	6	4	13			2	466
413	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	5		2	1					114
414	1st Wednesday	6	6	8	2	5	1				2	296
415	2nd Wednesday	12	13	14	1	2	3	13			5	412
416	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	1			1	1						57
417	1st Friday	2	2	3		1	2					121
418	2nd Friday	2	3	5	1		1					120
419	2nd Monday	8	10	13		2		4			1	175
420	2nd Monday	9	10	12	2	2	3	6				310
421	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1	3	1					92
422	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	2	2		3	2				101
423	3rd Monday	4	3	4		1					2	109
424	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	7	7	1							71
425	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1							110
426	1st Tuesday	17	19	22		7	2	4			4	550
427	1st Wednesday	11	9	9		7	3	3			1	348
428	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	13		1	2					177
429	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	5		2						86
430	3rd Monday	15	20	17	4	8	2	13			2	376
431	Fri. on or aft. F.M.					1						51
432	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	2		2					1	124
433	2nd Monday	4	4	4			1				1	109
434	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	5	4	6	2	1		2				136
435	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	4		1	4	3			1	162
436	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	2	4	4	1		1					84
437	3rd Wednesday	14	20	15	8	6	5	12				454
438	4th Monday	17	18	19	2	11	7	15			3	493
439	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	3	3	3			1	5				89
440	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	4	1	3						97
441	1st Friday	2	3	4	1							92

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDymont.....	Thessalon.....	E. McDougall.....	W. R. Benson.....
443	aPowassan.....	Powassan.....	W. L. Moore.....	W. C. Porter.....
444	aNitetis.....	Creemore.....	J. H. Johnson.....	W. A. Helmkey.....
445	aLake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	W. H. Dickinson.....	C. L. Parrott.....
446	aGranite.....	Fort Frances.....	J. W. Skrief.....	J. R. Angus.....
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	W. C. Parliament.....	W. C. Pedlar.....
448	aXenophon.....	Wheatley.....	J. A. McDonald.....	Jas. D. McGregor.....
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	H. A. McCauley.....	L. C. Champ.....
450	aHawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	C. M. MacAllister.....	Geo. A. Cass.....
451	aSomerville.....	Kinmount.....	A. E. Hopkins.....	C. W. Wellstood.....
452	aAvonmore.....	Avonmore.....	W. A. Grant.....	S. E. Shaver.....
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	R. H. Neeland.....	F. C. Perry.....
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	R. T. Armstrong.....	J. J. Wilson.....
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	W. G. Alston.....	O. T. Bennett.....
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	G. L. Adair.....	C. W. Hobbs.....
457	aCentury.....	Merlin.....	J. C. Dent.....	John Holmes.....
458	aWales.....	Wales.....	J. R. Daye.....	Geo. D. Colquhoun.....
459	aCobden.....	Cobden.....	J. Eckford.....	J. F. Warren.....
460	aRideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	F. F. Booth.....	J. R. Hartley.....
461	aIonic.....	Rainy River.....	C. Murray.....	Geo. S. Parker.....
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	F. W. Barnes.....	J. H. Brown.....
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	R. Tyler.....	Fred Jones.....
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	J. M. Christie.....	L. M. Pinkham.....
465	aCarleton.....	Carp.....	B. Avery.....	Geo. A. Moore.....
466	aCoronation.....	Elmvale.....	A. L. Fleming.....	W. A. Sawtell.....
467	aTottenham.....	Tottenham.....	S. G. Napier.....	J. J. McKnight.....
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	D. S. Graham.....	J. W. Phillips.....
469	aAlgoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	D. Rodgers.....	Wm. Rubenstein.....
470	aVictoria.....	Victoria Harbor.....	R. McMahon.....	J. P. Schissler.....
471	aKing Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	W. Johnsen.....	W. Smeaton.....
472	aGore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	J. Donaldson.....	E. W. Davis.....
473	aNorth Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	A. J. Stringer.....	S. J. Manchester.....
474	aVictoria.....	Toronto.....	F. B. Edmunds.....	W. J. Wadsworth.....
475	aDundurn.....	Hamilton.....	G. Walker.....	G. Milne.....
476	aCorinthian.....	North Gower.....	F. H. Graham.....	J. H. Cryderman.....
477	aHarding.....	Woodville.....	A. B. Mark.....	J. J. Ruan.....
478	aMilverton.....	Milverton.....	J. Heinbuch.....	E. Seigner.....
479	aRussell.....	Russell.....	A. E. Sparks.....	Rev. W. B. Morgan.....
480	aWilliamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	A. J. Casselman.....	J. A. Barkley.....
481	aCorinthian.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Moser.....	W. H. Hunter.....
482	aBancroft.....	Bancroft.....	M. M. Shaw.....	R. F. Delyea.....
483	aGranton.....	Granton.....	J. F. Barthel.....	R. S. Hobbs.....
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	H. Wilde.....	A. E. Berrey.....
485	aHaileybury.....	Haileybury.....	A. W. Sanderson.....	J. T. Leishman.....
486	aSilver.....	Cobalt.....	W. L. Ross.....	A. K. Roberts.....
487	aPenewobikong.....	Blind River.....	A. B. Lees.....	Geo. J. McArthur.....
488	aKing Edward.....	Harrow.....	R. H. Baker.....	R. C. Flood.....
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	W. D. Saunders.....	J. W. Gray.....
490	aHiram.....	Markdale.....	C. R. McKHugh.....	R. B. Brady.....
491	aCardinal.....	Cardinal.....	H. E. Keeler.....	W. T. Kingston.....
492	aKarnak.....	Coldwater.....	F. W. Brown.....	H. Elliott.....
493	aSt. Marys.....	St. Mary's.....	W. J. Mills.....	L. G. Maxwell.....
494	aRiverdale.....	Toronto.....	E. W. Nicholson.....	J. M. Malcolm.....
495	aElectric.....	Hamilton.....	B. Culm.....	W. F. Montague.....
496	aUniversity.....	Toronto.....	W. J. T. Wright.....	C. S. Gulton.....
497	aSt. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	F. E. Johnston.....	J. A. Pringle.....
498	aKing George V.....	Coboconk.....	J. Rettie.....	Chas. M. Callan.....
499	aPort Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	G. D. Russell.....	A. Rome.....
500	aRose.....	Windsor.....	W. F. Westover.....	H. M. Gard.....

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442	2nd Thursday	12	12	11			1	4			1	135
443	2nd Friday	7	3	4			2	1			1	113
444	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	9	3	3	1	2					1	99
445	2nd Wednesday	10	12	11	1	1	2				2	93
446	1st Tuesday	13	11	9	3	3	3				1	192
447	2nd Thursday	6	6	6	2	3	1					97
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	8	7	6	1			4			1	80
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	5	6	1	1					1	105
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	3	1		4					100
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	5	2	2	1	1				73
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	6		1	1	1				96
453	1st Wednesday	17	19	19	7	1	5	11				237
454	2nd Monday	4	5	7	1							140
455	2nd Tuesday	7	3	4		3	1	2			1	97
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3	1		2					66
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	2		1	1		6				137
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	10	2	2	1					124
459	2nd Tuesday	5	6	5		2	2	3				122
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4		5		4			1	75
461	1st Thursday	6	7	5		1	1	3				114
462	3rd Thursday	9	10	9	2	3	1	13			4	171
463	3rd Thursday	5	6	6	2		1					91
464	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	5	2	1	1	5			1	98
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	1	2	3	1	3				73
466	1st Friday	7	5	5	2	2	3					104
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	4	5	4		2					1	74
468	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	10	2	2					1	119
469	2nd Monday	17	18	11	1	7	4	2			1	312
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	5	4		1	2	9				134
471	1st Wednesday	7	6	6	2	2	1					102
472	1st Wednesday	2	5	6		1	2					116
473	4th Friday	7	6	5	1	5	3	5			1	298
474	3rd Tuesday	14	20	18	2	3	5					439
475	3rd Saturday	25	23	23	4	3		20			4	567
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	4		2	1					93
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	2		1						90
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	3	1	3	2					95
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	6	5	5		1		4				149
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	4							2	58
481	4th Thursday	7	7	7		6	4	7				331
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	8	7	2	2	3	3				169
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.		3	3	1	1	1					74
484	2nd Tuesday	8	2	3	1		1					122
485	1st Thursday	12	9	7	2	4	4	6				208
486	1st Monday	16	13	14	1	1	3	15			1	270
487	2nd Monday	5	2	2	1							83
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	17	12	9	1		1					142
489	Friday aft. F.M.	7	4	2	4	4		1				158
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	3	1	1						69
491	1st Friday	3	3	3		1						97
492	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	3			2	1				105
493	4th Monday	1				1		1				170
494	4th Friday	14	15	11	3	11	2	8			2	404
495	3rd Wednesday	27	26	27	1	7	6	9			6	579
496	2nd Wednesday	18	24	29	4	16	4	6				446
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	7		1	2	4				95
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.					3	1					90
499	2nd Monday	15	16	17			3	7			2	324
500	2nd Wednesday	22	15	11	2	4	1					166

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught.....	Mimico.....	C. W. Conn.....	Geo. S. Brown.....
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	E. Merritt.....	E. L. Snyder.....
503	aInwood.....	Inwood.....	A. Atkin.....	Wm. A. Graham.....
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	J. Lyons.....	J. H. Walker.....
505	aLynden.....	Lynden.....	H. Whyte.....	Wm. A. Smith.....
506	aPorcupine.....	S. Porcupine.....	A. H. Yeomans.....	Reg. Vaughan.....
507	aElk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	H. G. Kennedy.....	H. M. Somerville.....
508	aOzias.....	Brantford.....	W. J. Feldkamp.....	J. S. Rowe.....
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	E. Wockett.....	Geo. D. Kleinhaus.....
510	aParkdale.....	Toronto.....	N. Boyd.....	Geo. E. Buchanan.....
511	aConnaught.....	W. Fort William.....	M. H. Thompson.....	Alex. Harris.....
512	Malone.....	Sutton W.....	E. C. Schmidt.....	O. J. Silver.....
513	aCorinthian.....	Hamilton.....	W. A. Stevenson.....	J. R. Croft.....
514	aSt. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	F. Clinket.....	W. Hughes.....
515	aReba.....	Brantford.....	C. S. Wood.....	S. W. Seago.....
516	aEnterprise.....	Beachburg.....	A. R. Singleton.....	P. C. Creggan.....
517	aHazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	J. H. Nesbitt.....	G. S. Stanley.....
518	aSioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout.....	L. M. Beath.....	W. T. Cameron.....
519	aOnondaga.....	Onondaga.....	G. T. Fearman.....	A. A. Barton.....
520	aCoronati.....	Toronto.....	E. M. Dillon.....	J. T. Stephenson.....
521	aOntario.....	Windsor.....	R. E. Dixon.....	A. R. Graham.....
522	aMount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	S. Factor.....	C. E. Garrard.....
523	aRoyal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	V. R. Henry.....	G. W. Haley.....
524	aMississauga.....	Port Credit.....	W. H. Arms.....	W. M. Gemmell.....
525	aTemple.....	Toronto.....	F. Dalton.....	John F. Judge.....
526	aIonic.....	Westboro'.....	J. M. Richmond.....	P. E. Watters.....
527	aEspanola.....	Espanola.....	L. E. Houck.....	J. W. Darby.....
528	aGolden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	G. E. Murphy.....	Chas. P. Ramsay.....
529	aMyra.....	Komoka.....	H. Brown.....	S. Swales.....
530	aCochrane.....	Cochrane.....	R. R. Mitchell.....	A. T. King.....
531	aHigh Park.....	Toronto.....	W. R. Greenshields.....	R. B. Magill.....
532	aCanada.....	Toronto.....	A. T. Yule.....	J. E. Baker.....
533	aShamrock.....	Toronto.....	C. O. Ferrier.....	E. W. Leith.....
534	aEnglehart.....	Englehart.....	J. C. Fennell.....	F. A. Errett.....
535	aPhoenix.....	Fonthill.....	F. Tunnaciffe.....	F. H. Clark.....
536	aAlgonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	J. Gribble.....	W. J. Hambly.....
537	aUlster.....	Toronto.....	W. Bush.....	Geo. Chambers.....
538	aEarl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	C. Graham.....	Wm. Stephenson.....
539	aWaterloo.....	Waterloo.....	G. E. Harper.....	C. O. Hemphill.....
540	aAbitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	F. S. Jennings.....	A. H. Dixon.....
541	aTuscan.....	Toronto.....	J. E. Carter.....	S. J. Jackson.....
542	aMetropolitan.....	Toronto.....	C. E. Wilson.....	Geo. A. Martin.....
543	aImperial.....	Toronto.....	F. A. McEwen.....	A. Corscadden.....
544	aLincoln.....	Abingdon.....	H. Packham.....	T. F. McKinnell.....
545	aJohn Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	S. E. Madgett.....	W. J. S. Graham.....
546	aTalbot.....	St. Thomas.....	W. C. Oke.....	W. A. McPherson.....
547	aVictory.....	Toronto.....	J. F. Molloy.....	H. J. Unwin.....
548	aGeneral Mercer.....	Toronto.....	W. C. Wait.....	C. C. Milne.....
549	aIonic.....	Hamilton.....	R. C. Whitfield.....	S. A. Wait.....
550	aBuchanan.....	Hamilton.....	J. Turner.....	Walter Peberdy.....
551	aTuscan.....	Hamilton.....	F. Barlow.....	T. W. Appleton.....
552	aQueen City.....	Toronto.....	W. C. Benard.....	Geo. Carey.....
553	aOakwood.....	Toronto.....	M. A. Brillinger.....	Wm. Hyndman.....
554	aBorder Cities.....	Windsor.....	E. A. McGilvray.....	E. T. Howe.....
555	aWardrope.....	Hamilton.....	F. L. Thompson.....	John Forth.....
556	aNation.....	Spencerville.....	C. W. Smail.....	A. W. Keillor.....
557	aFinch.....	Finch.....	C. T. McQuaig.....	A. MacMillan.....
558	aSidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	H. J. Hardy.....	W. E. Hayes.....

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501	2nd Thursday.....	7	4	3	4	3	1					247
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	7	5	4	3	2	4					115
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	2	3	3								106
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	5	2	1		1						58
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	2	1	1		1	1					100
506	1st Thursday.....	6	7	6	1	2	1	7				135
507	2nd Friday.....	4	2	3	1	2						102
508	3rd Tuesday.....	16	16	14	3							223
509	4th Friday.....	13	10	14	4	1	1	1				222
510	2nd Friday.....	22	22	18	2	1	3	4				316
511	3rd Monday.....	8	7	6		3	3	6				153
512	Wed. on or bef F. M.....	3	6	6	1		3					133
513	4th Thursday.....	20	19	18	3	5	4	14			2	588
514	3rd Monday.....	8	8	7	3	8	2	3			1	385
515	2nd Friday.....	10	7	8			2	3				241
516	1st Monday.....	1	2	3	1	2						99
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	2	1	1								68
518	1st Monday.....	1	5	9		2	1					152
519	Friday on or bef. F.M.....	4	4	3		6					1	84
520	2nd Tuesday.....	12	18	12	1	4						401
521	1st Monday.....	39	38	39	2	3	5	20			3	437
522	2nd Tuesday.....	23	19	13		3		4				390
523	1st Monday.....	13	13	12	4	2	1					172
524	2nd Thursday.....	13	12	7	4	2	1					157
525	4th Tuesday.....	14	16	18		5	2	5				348
526	2nd Wednesday.....	10	9	12	3	6		5				208
527	1st Wednesday.....	5	5	3	2	2	1	4				97
528	2nd Wednesday.....	23	16	14	1	1		3				197
529	Sat. on or bef. F. M.....	2	3	3		1	1					51
530	2nd Friday.....	10	8	11	1		1	6				148
531	3rd Thursday.....	18	15	15	3	6	4	22			1	592
532	1st Friday.....	12	11	13	6	2	1	4			1	372
533	3rd Tuesday.....	8	10	12		7	1	8				333
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	9	2	2			1					129
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.....	8	5	5		1	3	3				93
536	3rd Tuesday.....	7	6	5	1	2		2				122
537	1st Monday.....	37	47	43	6	5	6	5			1	692
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	6	5	3		4						62
539	1st Wednesday.....	2	4	7	2	5	3					122
540	3rd Friday.....	13	10	13	3	9	3	4			2	127
541	3rd Friday.....	15	14	16	1	5		7			1	447
542	4th Wednesday.....	9	7	10	2	3	1	2				186
543	4th Monday.....	9	10	9	2	6	1	6				257
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.....		3	5		2	1	1				71
545	3rd Tuesday.....	14	16	17	5	11	3	13				358
546	4th Thursday.....	9	15	14	1	3	2					272
547	2nd Wednesday.....	7	4	7	2		3					116
548	2nd Friday.....	15	18	17	2	11	1	4				281
549	1st Wednesday.....	20	24	26	1	5	4	7			2	243
550	1st Thursday.....	8	14	17		3	3	9				264
551	1st Thursday.....	32	31	29	2	5		5				380
552	1st Wednesday.....	19	22	28	8	6	3	6				335
553	2nd Monday.....	12	13	15	2	6	1	1				204
554	1st Wednesday.....	19	15	20	1	1	1	3				162
555	4th Monday.....	12	10	8		5	3	9				325
556	1st Friday.....	1	1	1	1							71
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.....	4	3	1	2							89
558	2nd Wednesday.....	11	10	12	4	4						166

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
359	aPalestine.....	Toronto	A. Singer	Harry Melvin.....
360	aSt. Andrew's.....	Ottawa	J. W. Pallister	J. N. Salter.....
361	aAcacia.....	Westboro	M. Hastey	C. W. Crockatt.....
362	aHamilton.....	Hamilton	C. J. Stilson	D. R. Gibson.....
363	aVictory.....	Chatham	R. A. Boyes	W. Scurr.....
364	aAshlar.....	Ottawa	J. F. Gillespie	Wm. Shortt.....
365	aKilwinning.....	Toronto	R. McAllister	Thos. Forsyth.....
366	aKing Hiram.....	Toronto	J. Easton	C. V. Toitle.....
367	aSt. Aidan's.....	Toronto	L. F. Krueger	D. B. McCunn.....
368	aHullett.....	Londesboro	A. Nott	John Fingland.....
369	aDoric.....	Lakeside	L. E. Innes	F. G. Seaton.....
370	aDufferin.....	Toronto	J. A. Hodgins	I. H. Burns.....
371	aAntiquity.....	Toronto	F. M. Little	J. Herriott.....
372	aMizpah.....	Toronto	J. Davidson	W. A. Francis.....
373	aAdoniram.....	Niagara Falls	G. A. Thompson	C. H. Stringer.....
374	aCraig.....	Ailsa Craig	A. Gillies	A. D. McLean.....
375	aFidelity.....	Toronto	W. M. Mounfield	Wm. Moull.....
376	aMimosa.....	Toronto	J. C. Armstrong	G. F. Empringham.....
377	aSt. Clair.....	Toronto	W. E. Youse	F. G. I. Whetter.....
378	aQueen's.....	Kingston	S. N. Graham	B. I. England.....
379	aHarmony.....	Windsor	H. R. Wellington	C. A. Burgess.....
380	aAcacia.....	London	A. G. N. Bradshaw	J. W. Bradshaw.....
381	aHarcourt.....	Toronto	W. E. Robertson	C. S. Edmonds.....
382	aSunnyside.....	Toronto	J. R. D. McKeriher	K. N. Carrie.....
383	aTransportation.....	Toronto	H. C. Kendall	Jas. G. Dunn.....
384	aKaministiquia.....	Fort William	F. J. Rathbone	S. C. Read.....
385	aRoyal Edward.....	Kingston	M. G. Johnston	W. J. Saunders.....
386	aWar Veterans.....	Toronto	W. E. Judges	W. H. Smith.....
387	aPatricia.....	Toronto	J. C. Craig	E. J. Reddick.....
388	aNational.....	Capreol	E. Einarson	L. W. Ellis.....
389	aGrey.....	Toronto	J. E. Ritchie	J. W. Tucker.....
390	aDefenders.....	Ottawa	G. F. Armstrong	W. C. N. Marriott.....
391	aNorth Gate.....	Toronto	J. D. Trimble	A. W. Urmy.....
392	aFairbank.....	Fairbank	J. B. Christie	R. C. Venour.....
393	aSt. Andrew's.....	Hamilton	J. Baird	F. W. Davidson.....
394	aHillcrest.....	Hamilton	G. A. Sweatman	R. C. Bennett.....
395	aRideau.....	Ottawa	J. P. Melvin	A. C. Wiltshire.....
396	aMartintown.....	Martintown	D. A. Ross	W. W. W. Dean.....
397	aTemple.....	London	C. E. Carruthers	J. D. Omond.....
398	aDominion.....	Windsor	C. D. Fraser	I. A. Wickens.....
399	aMount Dennis.....	Mount Dennis	R. Windeatt	W. McArthur.....
400	aMaple Leaf.....	Toronto	V. A. Bradley	Wm. Moull.....
401	aS. Paul.....	Sarnia	T. P. Bradley	J. T. Elliott.....
402	aHugh Murray.....	Hamilton	C. H. Mann	A. E. Hutchinson.....
403	aCampbell.....	Campbellville	J. K. Mahon	C. R. Rowden.....
404	aPalace.....	Windsor	J. G. Moncrieff	G. R. Jackson.....
405	aMelita.....	Toronto	C. H. Lord	Fred. C. Becker.....
406	aUnity.....	Toronto	L. C. Smith	V. R. Cowtan.....
407	aGolden Fleece.....	Toronto	H. J. Kirby	F. A. Beatty.....
408	aGothic.....	Lindsay	F. S. Crichton	W. R. Alley.....
409	aTavistock.....	Tavistock	W. J. Ratz	G. F. Holley.....
410	aAshlar.....	Byron	A. Marvell	W. J. Davis.....
411	aHuron-Bruce.....	Toronto	K. Campbell	Thos. Brown.....
412	aBirch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff	E. Knott	V. R. Smith.....
413	aFort Erie.....	Fort Erie	W. J. Hawley	W. F. Willson.....
414	aAdanac.....	Merritton	R. Stuart	H. L. Savigny.....
415	aDominion.....	Ridgeway	F. C. Brown	M. I. Beeshy.....
416	aPerfection.....	St. Catharines	E. A. Fox	G. L. Sherk.....
417	aNorth Bay.....	North Bay	R. F. Mason	W. H. Thompson.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
559	4th Wednesday.....	15	13	14				1				233
560	1st Thursday.....	18	17	16	3	3	2	2			1	193
561	4th Friday.....	7	8	8	1	3	1	1				134
562	2nd Monday.....	14	15	19	4	5		14				363
563	2nd Tuesday.....	18	21	22	3	4	2	3				240
564	1st Friday.....	11	13	10		2						159
565	3rd Friday.....	47	48	37	9	3	1				1	495
566	1st Friday.....	10	10	15		1	1	7				183
567	3rd Friday.....	2	2	2	5	2	2					77
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	4	4	4								50
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.....	2	3	2		1	1					60
570	1st Tuesday.....	26	16	13	4	4	2	3				227
571	3rd Wednesday.....	12	11	11	5	2		6				181
572	4th Thursday.....	20	12	18	3	5	3	10				334
573	3rd Monday.....	15	18	18		1		7			2	222
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.....	5	6	6			1	2				72
575	4th Thursday.....	17	15	11	7	3	2	1				211
576	1st Monday.....	17	20	21	2	5		1				183
577	1st Wednesday.....	18	14	11			1	1				236
578	2nd Monday.....	30	43	36	3	3	2					193
579	1st Thursday.....	35	27	36	2	2	3	3				167
580	2nd Saturday.....	30	23	22	3	5	1	6			1	212
581	3rd Wednesday.....	2	3	3	4		1					64
582	3rd Wednesday.....	26	25	26	4	4	5	5				285
583	2nd Monday.....	15	11	13	23	2	1					235
584	1st Monday.....	3	3	3	1	3						77
585	4th Monday.....	8	7	7	3	1	2	1				92
586	1st Friday.....	19	17	17	1	8	1	7			2	227
587	2nd Wednesday.....	8	8	7	1	2	1	1				198
588	1st Tuesday.....	8	7	10	2	3		1				117
589	2nd Friday.....	11	13	12	3	4	3	2				158
590	1st Wednesday.....	6	6	6	2	6	3	5				109
591	4th Thursday.....	23	25	23	2	2	1	2				186
592	3rd Monday.....	12	12	12	2	2	2					118
593	4th Wednesday.....	21	19	21	6	2	1	4			2	383
594	2nd Monday.....	19	21	25	2	2						166
595	2nd Thursday.....	15	17	13	2	5		1				129
596	2nd Thursday.....	3	2	3		1		5				34
597	4th Friday.....	7	7	10	1	2		1				107
598	1st Wednesday.....	25	22	16		1		6				126
599	1st Wednesday.....	17	11	12		2	1	1				124
600	4th Tuesday.....	20	13	13		1	1					133
601	1st Saturday.....	12	13	15	1	3	1	2			1	146
602	3rd Tuesday.....	21	22	20	2	2	2				1	162
603	1st Tuesday.....	5	8	7	2	1		1				75
604	2nd Thursday.....	19	16	16	5	5	1					98
605	2nd Tuesday.....	13	14	12								105
606	2nd Saturday.....	5	9	8		10	2	6				118
607	3rd Thursday.....	9	6	6	2	5		1				90
608	3rd Monday.....	5	7	5	2	2	1	2				88
609	2nd Tuesday.....	3	5	4		1	1					51
610	4th Monday.....	4	3	3		3	1					103
611	3rd Monday.....	5	7	8		5	1	1				100
612	2nd Friday.....	12	13	13	4	8		5				133
613	3rd Tuesday.....	9	7	8	1	1						74
614	1st Thursday.....	3	2	1	4	1		1				73
615	1st Thursday.....	11	11	10	1		1	1				59
616	2nd Monday.....	4	4	6	5	2	2					80
617	2nd Friday.....	5	6	5	2	5						82

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where Held	W. Master	Secretary
618	aThunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	C. N. Simpson.....	A. V. Chapman.....
619	aRunnymede.....	Toronto.....	W. McCaig.....	W. McK. Hamshaw.....
620	aBay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	J. B. Aylesworth.....	A. E. Jewett.....
621	aFrontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	H. Smith.....	M. R. Reid.....
622	aLorne.....	Chapleau.....	J. A. Hogg.....	G. McCord.....
623	aDoric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	D. L. Cramp.....	A. B. Wilson.....
624	aDereham.....	Mount Elgin.....	S. E. L. Woodman.....	J. D. Flanders.....
625	aHatherly.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	G. E. Richardson.....	E. G. Leaney.....
626	aStamford.....	South End.....	N. H. Armstrong.....	L. T. Couch.....
627	aPelee.....	Scudder.....	J. Onick.....	Wm. Stewart.....
628	aGleniose.....	Elmira.....	F. C. Ruppel.....	A. G. Nixon.....
629	aGrenville.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Streight.....	W. Hyndman.....
630	aPrince of Wales.....	Toronto.....	W. Bailey.....	A. B. Rice.....
631	aManitou.....	Emo.....	C. R. Lyons.....	J. A. Garner.....
632	aLong Branch.....	Mimico.....	A. D. Norris.....	F. S. Smith.....
633	aHastings.....	Hastings.....	R. Johnston.....	C. P. Doughty.....
634	aDelta.....	Toronto.....	W. McTavish.....	McD. White.....
635	aWellington.....	Toronto.....	W. E. Finnegan.....	W. H. Williams.....
636	aHornepayne.....	Hornepayne.....	T. H. Butters.....	G. L. Dollar.....
637	aCaledonia.....	Toronto.....	R. Compton.....	John Ferguson.....
638	aBedford.....	Toronto.....	F. J. Graham.....	H. C. R. Devey.....
639	aBeach.....	Hamilton Beach.....	T. N. Lowe.....	R. D. Berry.....
640	aAnthony Sayer.....	Toronto.....	W. H. Hunter.....	E. J. Hutchins.....
641	aGarden.....	Windsor.....	W. C. Gundy.....	R. G. Lutes.....
642	aSt. Andrews.....	Windsor.....	W. T. Turner.....	J. W. Adams.....
643	Cathedral.....	Toronto.....	G. S. Henry.....	G. H. Kapsey.....
644	Simcoe.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Hill.....	W. G. MacKay.....
645	Lake Shore.....	Mimico.....	G. R. Coombs.....	J. Farrington.....

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618	1st Thursday.....	9	9	4	4	3	2					85
619	4th Wednesday.....	13	12	14	3	2	1	2				151
620	3rd Friday.....	6	4	7	3	4	6	2				203
621	Friday on or bef. F.M.	3	4	5	3	1					1	41
622	2nd Wednesday.....	4	2	4	2	2						85
623	1st Thursday.....	10	10	12		1						129
624	1st Tuesday.....	6	5	5		2	1					62
625	3rd Friday.....	4	5									53
626	1st Wednesday.....	11	12	13								66
627	Tuesday on or bef. F.M.	11	11	14	2	1						53
628	3rd Tuesday.....	3	4	4	1							39
629	4th Saturday.....	20	18	22	6	4	1					113
630	4th Friday.....	13	16	22	8	3						89
631	3rd Thursday.....	8	7	7	1							55
632	3rd Tuesday.....	13	12	22	5							61
633	Friday on or bef. F.M.	24	22	18	3							46
634	2nd Tuesday.....	23	23	20	108	3						128
635	1st Friday.....	23	21	17	127	12	1					137
636	1st Monday.....	15	11	7	49	1	1					62
637	3rd Monday.....	58	52	44	92							150
638	3rd Tuesday.....	18	15	14	56*	1						83
UD.	2nd Tuesday.....	14	13	10	50							64
UD.	3rd Friday.....	9	7	5	34	4						38
UD.	1st Friday.....	16	10	4	22		1					37
UD.	2nd Friday.....	15	12	9	37							52
		4986	4850	4806	1511	1342	1158				307	110549

P. O. ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities and in other places where the Secretary's address is not the same as that of the lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3	Anct. St. John's	Kingston	A. W. Cathcart, 570 Johnson St.
5	Sussex	Brockville	Thos. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6	Barton	Hamilton	W. H. F. Whateley, 1107 Main St. E.
11	Moira	Belleville	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	A. N. Lindsay, 3 Queen St.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Wm. Lawrence, 202 Westminster A.
20	St. John's	London	Rich. Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	P. H. Walker, 320 Beresford Ave.
25	Ionic	Toronto	R. M. Harcourt, 25 Melinda St.
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	H. W. Linton, 68 Barnesdale Ave. S.
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Thos. R. Price, Myrtle Station.
40	St. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42	St. George's	London	Thos. Dickson, 243 Victoria St.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Ave.
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	F. W. Judd, 3 79 Talbot St.
45	Brant	Brantford	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
47	Great Western	Windsor	W. G. Wells, 501 Bartlett Bld.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	H. W. Jackson, 25 Sparks St.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. N.
57	Harmony	Binbrook	James D. Rose, Blackheath
58	Doric	Ottawa	W. Eastwood, 115 Second Ave.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	C. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64	Kilwinning	London	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Geo. H. Mitchell, W. W. Dept. City Hall.
72	Alma	Galt	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74	St. James	S. Augusta	F. L. Bissell, Algonquin
75	St. John's	Toronto	Wm. J. Charles, 45 Parkside Drive
76	Oxford	Woodstock	John W. Dutton, 687 Adelaide St.
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	C. L. Davidson, 125 Kent St. W.
86	Wilson	Toronto	W. L. Lawler, 125 Erskine Ave.
87	Markham Union	Markham	L. A. Kennedy, Agincourt
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	J. M. Campbell, 1166 Second A. W.
92	Cataragui	Kingston	W. H. Dalby, 72 Nelson St.
100	Valley	Dundas	F. A. Lathshaw, 30 Melville St.
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	H. J. Johnston, 198 King St.
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	H. F. Garner, 209 Barker St.
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	R. A. McDougall, R. R. No. 1, Glanworth
121	Doric	Brantford	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123	Belleville	Belleville	John McCarthy, 59 Everett St.
127	Franck	Frankford	Edward Nelson, Wooler
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	W. A. Hare, 2 King St. W.
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	S. W. Rust, 203 Douglas St.
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Delbert Sexsmith, R. R. No. 1, Wilton
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	H. W. Lothrop, 331 James St.
151	Grand River	Kitchener	P. Fisher, 11 Elgin St.
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	F. H. Dobbin, 622 George St.
156	York	Toronto	W. E. Holland, 415 1/2 Wellesley St.
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	Frank Coutts Southwold Sta.
177	The Builders	Ottawa	J. J. McGill, 189 Holmwood Ave.
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	John Bristow, Bright
180	Speed	Guelph	Bard Whetstone, 90 Yorkshire St.
185	Enniskillen	York	E. S. Bradt, R. R. No. 5, Cayuga
195	Tuscan	London	B. H. Higgins, 496 Dundas St.
203	Irvine	Elora	R. D. Cardno, Salem
209a	St. John's	London	Edwin Smith, 215 Dominion Savings Bldg.
218	Stevenson	Toronto	H. C. H. Cornell, 328 Seaton St.
230	Kerr	Toronto	E. McFadden, Allandale
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Robt. Shaw, 319 Frank St. Apt. 1
224	Beaver	Thornbury	Thos. G. Idle, Clarksburg
234	Beaver	Thornbury	Thos. G. Idle, Clarksburg
247	Ashlar	Toronto	W. H. Lyon, 85 Isabella St.
253	Minden	Kingston	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.

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254.	Clifton	Niagara Falls	J. C. Lymburner, 1129 McRae St.
257.	Galt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.
258.	Guelph	Guelph	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich St.
264.	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Henry Gates, 521 Brounson Ave.
267.	Parthenon	Chatham	J. G. Martin, 24 Lansdowne Ave.
270.	Cedar	Oshawa	M. L. Argall, 144 Prince St.
272.	Seymour	Ancaster	Ernest McMullen, R.R. 1 Hamilton
287.	Shuniah	Port Arthur	A. P. Freed, 329 VanNorman St.
296.	Temple	St. Catharines	C. A. Brown, 150½ St. Paul St.
299.	Victoria	Centreville	H. A. Carscallen, Enterprise
302.	St. David's	St. Thomas	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
309.	Morning Star	Carlow	T. H. Wilson, R.R. No. 5 Goderich
316.	Doric	Toronto	Geo. W. Wilson, 29 Castlefield Ave.
318.	Wilmot	Baden	W. A. Ruthig, New Hamburg
324.	Temple	Hamilton	H. B. Jackson, 29 Mt. Royal Ave.
326.	Zetland	Toronto	F. G. Logan, 111 Kendal Ave.
327.	Hammond	Wardsville	Roy Henderson, Glencoe
328.	Ionic	Napier	W. T. Buchanan, R.R. No. 2, Kerwood
330.	Corinthian	London	H. J. Childs, 293 Dundas St.
332.	Stratford	Stratford	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
338.	Dufferin	Wellandport	Chas. Gilmore, Lowbanks
339.	Orient	Toronto	H. D. Ashley, 510 Ontario St.
343.	Georgina	Toronto	Geo. Thompson, 419 Brunswick A.
345.	Nilestown	Nilestown	John F. Johnson, R.R. 8, London
346.	Occident	Toronto	Wm. M. Williams, 44 Blantyre Av.
361.	Waverley	Guelph	W. Simpson, 30 Douglas St.
364.	Dufferin	Melbourne	Geo. Stevenson, R.R. No. 4, Appin
367.	St. George	Toronto	A. B. Hutchcroft, 201 Melita Ave.
369.	Mimico	Lambton Mills	W. A. Becroft, 31 Palisades, Swansea
371.	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	A. E. Revell, 28 Euclid Ave.
378.	Kiog Solomon's	London	Wm. Nicholls, 175 Wharnccliffe Rd. North
379.	Middlesex	Bryanston	T. R. Smibert, R.R. No. 3, Ilderton
380.	Union	London	Jos. Ward, 97 Tecumseh Ave.
382.	Doric	Hamilton	Dr. C. V. Emory, 91 Barnesdale Bvd.
384.	Alpha *	Toronto	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410.	Zeta	Toronto	W. E. Robson, 179 Concord Ave.
412.	Keystone	Sault St. Marie	E. M. Shaw, 124 Brock St.
415.	Fort William	Fort William	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate A.
419.	Liberty	Sarnia	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
426.	Stanley	Toronto	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430.	Acacia	Toronto	E. Pickles, 131 Glenhill Ave.
434.	Algonquin	Emmetsdale	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Station
437.	Tuscan	Sarnia	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438.	Harmony	Toronto	Thos. Robertson, 2236 Bloor St. W.
453.	Royal	Fort William	F. C. Perry, 410 S. Vickers St.
460.	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	J. R. Hartley, Battersea
469.	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Wm. Rubenstein, 374 Queen St. E.
473.	Beaches	Toronto	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood Av.
474.	Victoria	Toronto	W. J. Wadsworth, 227 Glendon- wynne Road.
475.	Dundurn	Hamilton	G. Milne, 85 Lottridge St.
481.	Corinthian	Toronto	W. H. Hunter, 393 St. Clarens Av.
494.	Riverdale	Toronto	J. M. Malcolm, 742 Logan Ave.
495.	Electric	Hamilton	W. F. Montague, Drawer 349.
496.	University	Toronto	C. S. Gulston, 62 Poulton Ave.
499.	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	A. Rome, 33 Prospect Ave.
500.	Rose	Windsor	H. M. Gard, 116 Peter Street, Sandwich.
501.	Connaught	Mimico	Geo. S. Brown, 135 Westminster Ave., Toronto.
502.	Coronation	Smithville	E. L. Snyder, St. Ann's.
504.	Otter	Lombardy	J. H. Walker, Toledo
508.	Ozias	Brantford	Jas. S. Rowe, 31 Abigail Ave.
509.	Twin City	Kitchener	Geo. DeKleinhans, 195 Queen St. S.
510.	Parkdale	Toronto	Geo. E. Buchanan, 15 Macdonell A.
511.	Connaught	Fort William	Alex. Harris, 129 N. John St.
513.	Corinthian	Hamilton	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris St.
514.	St. Alban's	Toronto	W. Hughes, 23 Silver Ave.
515.	Reba	Brantford	S. W. Seago, 182 Brant Ave.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	G. S. Stanley, Stittsville
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	A. A. Barton, R.R. No. 1, Cainsville
520	Coronati	Toronto	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521	Ontario	Windsor	A. R. Graham, 133 Partington Ave
522	Mt. Sinai	Toronto	C. E. Garrard, 171 Young St.
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	G. W. Haley, 23 McDonald St.
525	Temple	Toronto	John F. Judge, 536 W. Marion St.
526	Ionic	Westboro.	P. E. Watters, 84 Fairmont Ave., Ottawa
531	High Park	Toronto	R. B. Magill, 538 W. Marion St.
532	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Baker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 628 Indian Road
535	Phoenix	Fonthill	F. H. Clark, R.R. No. 2, Welland
537	Ulster	Toronto	Geo. Chambers, 211 Browning Ave.
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill, 56 Park Ave.
541	Tuscan	Toronto	S. J. Jackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542	Metropolitan	Toronto	Geo. A. Martin, 86 Duplex Ave.
543	Imperial	Toronto	A. Corscadden, 51 Highcroft Rd.
544	Lincoln	Abingdon	T. F. McKinnell, R.R. No. 1., Caistor Centre.
545	John Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave.
546	Talbot	St. Thomas	W. A. McPherson, 38 Metcalfe St.
547	Victory	Toronto	H. J. Unwin, 58 Wellington St. E.
548	General Mercer	Toronto	C. C. Milne, 1480 Ossington Ave.
549	Ionic	Hamilton	S. A. Wait, 105 Maple Ave.
550	Buchanan	Hamilton	Walter Peberdy, 74 East 24th St.
551	Tuscan	Hamilton	T. W. Appleton, 396 Main St. E.
552	Queen City	Toronto	Geo. Carey, 13 Thyra Ave.
553	Oakwood	Toronto	Wm. Hyndman, 107 Westmount Av
554	Border Cities	Windsor	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555	Wardrobe	Hamilton	John Forth, 210 Charlton Ave. W.
558	Sidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559	Palestine	Toronto	Harry Melvin, 1403 Ossington Ave.
560	St. Andrew's	Ottawa	J. N. Salter, 31 Edgar St.
561	Acacia	Westboro.	C. W. Crockatt, 65 Edison St.
562	Hamilton	Hamilton	D. R. Gibson, 87 Sanford, Av., S.
563	Victory	Chatham	W. Scurr, 41 Grand Ave. E.
564	Ashlar	Ottawa	Wm. Shortt, 58 Creighton Ave.
565	Kilwinning	Toronto	Thos. Forsyth, 325 Windermere Ave. S.
566	King Hiram	Toronto	C. V. Tottle, 71 Woodside Ave.
567	St. Aidan's	Toronto	D. B. McCunn, 17 Balsam Road
570	Dufferin	Toronto	I. H. Burns, 38 Parking Ave.
571	Antiquity	Toronto	J. Herriot, 8 Glen Avon Rd.
572	Mizpah	Toronto	W. A. Francis, 290 Margueretta St.
573	Adoniram	Niagara Falls	C. H. Stringer, 1259 Heywood Ave.
574	Craig	Ailsa Craig	A. D. McLean, R. R. No. 6, Parkhill
575	Fidelity	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
576	Mimosa	Toronto	C. F. Empringham, 28 Enderby Rd
577	St. Clair	Toronto	F. G. I. Whetter, 20 Laws St.
578	Queen's	Kingston	B. I. England, 213 Stuart St.
579	Harmony	Windsor	C. A. Burgess, 1016 Giles Bvd. E.
580	Acacia	London	J. W. Bradshaw, 707 Waterloo St.
581	Harcourt	Toronto	C. S. Edmonds, 94 Alexander Bvd
582	Sunnyside	Toronto	K. N. Carrie, 58 Roncesvalles Ave.
583	Transportation	Toronto	Jas. G. Dunn, 340 St. Clarens Ave.
584	Kaministiquia	Fort William	S. C. Read, 307 S. Norah St.
585	Royal Edward	Kingston	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
586	War Veterans	Toronto	W. H. Smith, 240 Wychwood Ave.
587	Patricia	Toronto	E. J. Reddick, 29 Abbott Avenue
589	Grey	Toronto	J. W. Tucker, 33 Regal Road
590	Defenders	Ottawa	W. C. N. Marriott, Box 723.
591	North Gate	Toronto	A. W. Urmy, 48 Millwood Rd.
592	Fairbank	Fairbank	R. C. Venour, 15 Browning Ave. Toronto
593	St. Andrew's	Hamilton	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale S.
594	Hillcrest	Hamilton	R. C. Bennett, 110 Alpine Ave.
595	Rideau	Ottawa	A. C. Wiltshire, 49 Third Ave.
597	Temple	London	J. D. Omond, 901 Waterloo St.
598	Dominion	Windsor	J. A. Wickens, 538 Dougall Ave.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
533	Mount Dennis	Weston	Wm. McArthur, 58 Greendale Ave. Mt. Dennis.
600	Maple Leaf	Toronto	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
601	St. Paul's	Sarnia	J. T. Elliott, 110 Crawford St.
602	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	A. E. Hutchison, 52 1/2 Tom St.
604	Palace	Windsor	G. R. Jackson, 966 Elsmere Ave.
605	Melita	Toronto	Dr. F. C. Becker, 102 Rose Park
606	Unity	Toronto	V. R. Cowtan, 2 Fairbank Ave.
607	Golden Fleece	Toronto	F. A. Beatty, 56 Stibbard Ave.
608	Gothic	Lindsay	W. R. Allely, City Hall.
610	Ashlar	Byron	W. J. Davis, R.R. No. 7., London
611	Huron-Bruce	Toronto	Thos. Brown, 169 Carleton St.
612	Birch Cliff	Birch Cliff	J. Brown, 13 Avalon Rd.
616	Perfection	St. Catherines	G. L. Sherk, 87 Queen St.
617	North Bay	North Bay	W. H. Thompson, 49 Harvey St.
618	Thunder Bay	Port Arthur	A. V. Chapman, 215 Whalen Bld..
619	Runnymede	Toronto	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale A.
620	Bay of Quinte	Toronto	A. E. Jewett, 466 Gladstone Ave.
625	Hatherly	Saulte Ste. Marie	E. G. Leany, 4 McGregor Ave.
626	Stamford	South End	L. T. Couch, Stamford Centre
629	Grenville	Toronto	W. Hyndman, 107 Westmount Ave.
630	Prince of Wales	Toronto	A. B. Rice, 354 Clendenan Ave.
632	Long Branch	Mimico	F. S. Smith, 44 Violet Ave., Long Branch
634	Delta	Toronto	McD. White, 61 Montgomery Ave.
635	Wellington	Toronto	W. H. Williams, 198 Glenholme A.
637	Caledonia	Toronto	John Ferguson, 240 Keele St.
638	Bedford	Toronto	H. C. R. Devey, 104 Roslin Ave.
639	Beach	Hamilton Beach	R. D. Berry, 4 Knapman's Drive
641	Garden	Windsor	R. G. Lutes, 315 Sunset Avenue, Sandwich
642	St. Andrew's	Windsor	J. W. Adams, 813 Dougal Ave.
643	Cathedral	Toronto	Geo. H. Rapsey, 24 Cuthbert Cres
644	Simcoe	Toronto	W. G. MacKay, 74 Oakwood Ave.
645	Lake Shore	Mimico	J. Farrington, 67 Symon St.

LIST OF LODGES---BY DISTRICTS

ALGOMA DISTRICT—(15 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. B. Evans, Fort William

No. 287—Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....	Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....	Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....	Dryden
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....	Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W. Fort William	
No. 445—Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout	
No. 446—Granite.....	Fort Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia Fort William	
No. 453—Royal.....	Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay Port Arthur	
		No. 631—Manitou.....	Emo.

BRANT DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. L. Mitchener, Cayuga

No. 35—St. Johns.....	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....	St. George
No. 45—Brant.....	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....	Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....	Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....	Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....	Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. T. Boss, Walkerton

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth.....	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....	Tara	No. 436—Burns.....	Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. R. MacPherson, Duart

No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatbam	No. 327—Hammond.....	Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....	Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....	Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....	Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....	Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....	Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....	Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....	Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....	Merlin
No. 312—Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....	Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. C. MacFarlane, Cornwall

No. 21a—St. Johns.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall.....	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....	Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....	Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....	Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....	Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....	Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. J. Milne, Kingston

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns.....	Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....	Kingston
No. 9—Union.....	Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....	Centreville
No. 92—Cataraqui.....	Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....	Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....	Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....	Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....	Bath	No. 460—Rideau.....	Sealey's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew's.....	Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....	Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....	Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....	Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....	Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....	Odessa	No. 621—Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. Robinson, Cookstown**

No. 90—Manito.....	Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....	Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....	Barrie	No. 348—Georgian....	Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....	Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....	Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....	Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis.....	Creemore
No. 230—Kerr.....	Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....	Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....	Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....	Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....	Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria	Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....	Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....	Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....	Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener.	Pt. McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....	Alliston		

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro.**

No. 88—St. George's.....	Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....	Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....	Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....	Erin	No. 421—Scott.....	Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....	Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....	Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....	Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....	Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. W. Small, Hamilton**

No. 6—Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....	Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....	Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....	Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....	Dundas	No. 475—Dundurn.....	Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....	Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....	Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....	Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....	Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....	Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....	Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....	W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....	Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....	Campbellville

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. W. Davidson, Hamilton**

No. 7—Union.....	Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....	Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance	Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....	Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....	Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....	Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....	Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....	Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....	Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrope.....	Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....	Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....	York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....	Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....	Hamilton	No. 639—Beach.....	Burlington Beach

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. R. Lee, London**

No. 20—St. Johns'.....	London	No. 358—Delaware Valley ..	Delaware
No. 42—St. George's.....	London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....	London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....	London	No. 379—Middlesex.....	Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....	London
No. 190—Belmont.....	Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....	Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....	London	No. 394—King Solomon.....	Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's.....	London	No. 399—Moffat.....	Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....	Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....	Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....	London
No. 330—Corinthian.....	London	No. 597—Temple.....	London
No. 344—Merrill.....	Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....	Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....	Nilestown		

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. G. Greavett, Gravenhurst**

No. 352—Granite.....	Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....	Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....	Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....	Elmsdale
No. 376—Unity.....	Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....	Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....	Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(25 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. C. Fralick, Welland**

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin.....Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf.....St. Catharines	No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 105—St. Marks.....Niagara Falls	No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville	No. 502—Coronation.....Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 169—Macnab.....Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold	No. 613—Fort Erie.....Fort Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....Merriton
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines
	No. 626—Stamford.....South End

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. B. Alford, North Bay**

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone.....Sault Ste. Marie	No. 487—Penewobikong.....Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dymont.....Thessalon	No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa. Sturgeon Falls	No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current	No. 622—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie	No. 625—Hatherly.....Sault Ste. Marie
	No. 636—Hornepayne.....Hornepayne

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. B. L. Bamford, Listowel**

No. 93—Northern Light.....Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....Londeshoro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. Goodfellow, Whitby**

No. 17—St. John's.....Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....Orono
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. Collins, Cobden**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond	No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnehochere.....Eganville	

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. R. Morris, Peterborough**

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule.....Campbellford	No. 313—Clementi.....Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 155—Peterborough.....Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough
	No. 633—Hastings.....Hastings

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. O. L. Morrow, Brighton

No. 11—Moirs.....	Belleville	No. 127—Franck.....	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward.....	Picton	No. 164—Star in the East.....	Wellington
No. 29—United.....	Brighton	No. 215—Lake.....	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent.....	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora.....	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc.....	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed.....	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon.....	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka.....	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling.....	Stirling	No. 401—Craig.....	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville.....	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft.....	Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. E. McKelvey, Sarnia

No. 56—Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona.....	Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns.....	Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston.....	Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver.....	Strathroy	No. 328—Ionic.....	Napier
No. 116—Cassia.....	Thedford	No. 392—Huron.....	Camlachie
No. 153—Burns.....	Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold.....	Brigden
No. 158—Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty.....	Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia.....	Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair.....	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock.....	Watford	No. 437—Tuscan.....	Sarnia
No. 260—Washington.....	Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood.....	Inwood
No. 263—Forest.....	Forest	No. 601—St. Paul.....	Sarnia
No. 294—Moore.....	Courtright		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. J. MacKay, Goderich

No. 33—Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 233—Doric.....	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James.....	St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star.....	Carlow
No. 84—Clinton.....	Clinton	No. 332—Stratford.....	Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	No. 456—Elma.....	Monkton
No. 141—Tudor.....	Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton.....	Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh.....	Stratford	No. 483—Granton.....	Granton
No. 154—Irving.....	Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia.....	Seaforth	No. 574—Craig.....	Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich.....	Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock.....	Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. H. Kidd, Burritt's Rapids

No. 5—Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 242—Macoy.....	Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons.....	Perth	No. 368—Salem.....	Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony.....	Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville.....	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'tain N. Augusta	Augusta
No. 74—St. James.....	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn.....	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun.....	Athens	No. 489—Osiris.....	Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central.....	Prescott	No. 504—Otter.....	Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen.....	Lanark	No. 556—Nation.....	Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(11 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. J. Stevenson, Appin

No. 44—St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	No. 302—St. Davids.....	St. Thomas
No. 94—St. Marks.....	Port Stanley	No. 364—Duffrin.....	Melbourne
No. 120—Warren.....	Fingal	No. 386—McColl.....	West Lorne
No. 140—Malahide.....	Aylmer	No. 411—Rodney.....	Rodney
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 546—Talbot.....	St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron.....	Dutton		

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)
D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. E. McCready, Haileybury

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury.....	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane.....	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver.....	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart.....	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake	No. 623—Doric.....	Kirkland Lake

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(28 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. J. Moore, Toronto

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 565—Kilwinning.....	Toronto
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Weston
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 630—Prince of Wales.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 632—Long Branch.....	Mimico
No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto	No. 640—Anthony Sayer.....	Mimico
No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto	No. 645—Lake Shore.....	Mimico

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(27 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. M. McLellan, Claremont

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward.....	Sunderland
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 494—Riverdale.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 520—Coronati.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto
		No. 637—Caledonia.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(26 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. S. Hamilton, Toronto

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto ^o
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton ^o
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto ⁿ
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto ^o
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto ^o
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto ^o
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto ^o
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto ^o
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto ^o
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto ^o
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 629—Glenville.....	Toronto ^o
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto	No. 634—Delta.....	Toronto ^o
No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto	No. 638—Bedford.....	Toronto ^o

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(25 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Toronto

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto ^o
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto ^o
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto ^o
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto ^o
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto ^o
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto ^o
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto ^o
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto ^o
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto ^o
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto ^o
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 635—Wellington.....	Toronto ^o
No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto	No. 643—Cathedral.....	Toronto ^o
		No. 644—Simcoe.....	Toronto ^o

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. C. R. Hart, Omeamee

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Omeamee	No. 463—North Entrance.....	Haliburton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V.....	Coboconk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. C. Wardley, Elora

No. 72—Alma.....	Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....	Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River.....	Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo.....	Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....	Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....	Preston
No. 180—Speed.....	Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....	Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....	Elora	No. 321—Walker.....	Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, NewHamburg		No. 347—Mercer.....	Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....	Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....	Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....	Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....	Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....	Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo.....	Waterloo
		No. 628—Glenrose.....	Elmira

WILSON DISTRICT—(20 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. E. Biddle, Port Rowan

No. 10—Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 178—Plattsville.....	Plattsville
No. 37—King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	No. 181—Oriental.....	Port Burwell
No. 43—King Solomon's.....	Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....	Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....	Ingersoll	No. 237—Vienna.....	Vienna
No. 76—Oxford.....	Woodstock	No. 250—Thistle.....	Embro
No. 78—King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg	No. 259—Springfield.....	Springfield
No. 104—St. John's.....	Norwich	No. 261—Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
No. 108—Blenheim.....	Princeton	No. 359—Vittoria.....	Vittoria
No. 149—Erie.....	Port Dover	No. 569—Doric.....	Lakeside
No. 174—Walsingham.....	Port Rowan	No. 624—Dereham.....	Mt. Elgin

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. G. H. Arnott, Windsor

No. 34—Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 488—King Edward.....	Harrow
No. 41—St. George.....	Kingsville	No. 500—Rose.....	Windsor
No. 47—Great Western.....	Windsor	No. 521—Ontario.....	Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....	Leamington	No. 554—Border Cities.....	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....	Comber	No. 579—Harmony.....	Windsor
No. 402—Central.....	Essex	No. 598—Dominion.....	Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor	No. 604—Palace.....	Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....	Tilbury	No. 627—Peele.....	Scudder
No. 448—Xenophon.....	Wheatley	No. 641—Garden.....	Windsor
		No. 642—St. Andrew's.....	Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	15 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	16 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	25 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	17 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	12 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	11 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	11 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	10 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	28 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	27 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	25 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	19 Lodges
Wilson District.....	20 Lodges
Windsor District.....	19 Lodges

LODGES BY LOCATION

Location	Name and No.	Location	Name and No.
Abingdon.....	Lincoln 544	Cardinal.....	Cardinal 491
Acton.....	Walker 321	Cargill.....	Moravian 431
Ailsa Craig.....	Craig 574	Carlow.....	Morning Star 309
Alexandria.....	Alexandria 439	Carp.....	Carleton 465
Alliston.....	Seven Star 285	Carleton Place.....	St. John's 63
Almonte.....	Mississippi 147	Cayuga.....	St. John's 35
Alvinston.....	Alvinston 323	Centreville.....	Victoria 299
Ameliasburg.....	Lake 215	Chapleau.....	Lorne 622
Amherstburg.....	Thistle 34	Chatham.....	Parthenon 267
Ancaster.....	Seymour 272	Chatham.....	Wellington 46
Arden.....	St. Andrew's 497	Chatham.....	Victory 563
Arkona.....	Arkona 307	Chesley.....	Forest 393
Arnprior.....	Madawaska 196	Chesterville.....	Chesterville 320
Arthur.....	Prince Arthur 334	Chippawa.....	King Edward VII 471
Athens.....	Rising Sun 85	Claremont.....	Brougham Union 269
Aultsville.....	Farran's Point 256	Clarksburg.....	Beaver 234
Aurora.....	Rising Sun 129	Clifford.....	Clifford 315
Avonmore.....	Avonmore 452	Clinton.....	Clinton 84
Aylmer.....	Malahide 140	Cobalt.....	Silver 486
Ayr.....	Ayr 172	Cobden.....	Cobden 459
Baden.....	Wilnot 318	Cobourg.....	St. John's 17
Bancroft.....	Bancroft 482	Coboconk.....	King George V 498
Barrie.....	Corinthian 96	Cochrane.....	Cochrane 530
Barrie.....	Kerr 230	Colborne.....	Colborne 91
Bath.....	Maple Leaf 119	Coldwater.....	Kamak 492
Beachburg.....	Enterprise 516	Collingwood.....	Manito 90
Beamsville.....	Ivy 115	Comber.....	Parvaim 395
Beaverton.....	Murray 408	Consecon.....	Consecon 50
Beeton.....	Spry 385	Cookstown.....	Manitoba 236
Belleville.....	Eureka 283	Copper Cliff.....	Algonquin 536
Belleville.....	Moir 11	Cornwall.....	Cornwall 125
Belleville.....	The Belleville 123	Courtright.....	Moore 294
Belmont.....	Belmont 190	Creemore.....	Nitetic 444
Binbrook.....	Harmony 57	Delaware.....	Delaware Valley 358
Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff 612	Delhi.....	Frederick 217
Blenheim.....	Kent 274	Delta.....	Harmony 370
Blind River.....	Penewobikong 487	Deseronto.....	Craig 401
Blyth.....	Blyth 303	Dorchester Sta.....	Merrill 344
Bobcaygeon.....	Verulam 268	Drayton.....	Conestogo 295
Bolton.....	True Blue 98	Dresden.....	Sydenham 255
Bothwell.....	Star of the East 422	Dryden.....	Golden Star 484
Bowmanville.....	Jerusalem 31	Dundalk.....	Dundalk 449
Bracebridge.....	Muskoka 360	Dundas.....	Valley 100
Bradford.....	Simcoe 79	Dunnville.....	Amity 32
Brampton.....	Ionic 229	Durham.....	Durham 306
Brantford.....	Brant 45	Dutton.....	Cameron 232
Brantford.....	Doric 121	Eganville.....	Bonnechere 433
Brantford.....	Ozias 508	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake 507
Brantford.....	Reba 515	Elmira.....	Glen Rose 628
Bridgeburg.....	Palmer 372	Elmvale.....	Coronation 466
Brigden.....	Leopold 397	Elora.....	Irvine 203
Brighton.....	United 29	Embro.....	Thistle 250
Brockville.....	Salem 368	Emo.....	Manitou 631
Brockville.....	Sussex 5	Emsdale.....	Algonquin 434
Brooklin.....	Mount Zion 39	Englehart.....	Englehart 534
Brussels.....	St. John's 284	Erin.....	Wellington 271
Bryanston.....	Middlesex 379	Espanola.....	Espanola 527
Burford.....	Burford 106	Essex.....	Central 402
Burk's Falls.....	Corona 454	Exeter.....	Lebanon Forest 133
Burlington.....	Burlington 165	Fenelon Falls.....	The Spry 406
Burlington Beach.....	Beach 639	Fergus.....	Mercer 347
Byron.....	Ashlar 610	Finch.....	Finch 557
Caledon East.....	Peel 468	Fingal.....	Warren 120
Caledonia.....	St. Andrew's 62	Flesherton.....	Prince Arthur 333
Campbellford.....	Golden Rule 126	Florence.....	Florence 390
Campbellville.....	Campbell 603	Fonthill.....	Phoenix 535
Camlachie.....	Huron 392	Fordwich.....	Fordwich 331
Cannington.....	Brock 354	Forest.....	Forest 263
Capreol.....	National 588	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie 613

Location	Name and No.
Fort Frances	Granite 446
Fort William	Kaministiquia 584
Fort William	Fort William 415
Fort William	Royal 453
Frankford	Franck 127
Galt	Alma 72
Galt	Galt 257
Gananoque	Leeds 201
Georgetown	Credit 219
Glencoe	Lorne 282
Goderich	Maitland 33
Gore Bay	Gore Bay 472
Grand Valley	Scott 421
Granton	Granton 483
Gravenhurst	Golden Rule 409
Grimsby	Union 7
Guelph	Guelph 253
Guelph	Speed 180
Guelph	Waverley 361
Hagersville	Hiram 319
Haileybury	Haileybury 485
Haliburton	North Entrance 463
Hamilton	Acacia 61
Hamilton	Barton 6
Hamilton	Buchanan 550
Hamilton	Corinthian 513
Hamilton	Doric 382
Hamilton	Dundurn 475
Hamilton	Electric 495
Hamilton	Hamilton 562
Hamilton	Hillcrest 594
Hamilton	Hugh Murray 602
Hamilton	Ionic 549
Hamilton	St. Andrew's 593
Hamilton	St. John's 40
Hamilton	Strict Observance 27
Hamilton	Temple 324
Hamilton	Tuscan 551
Hamilton	Wardrobe 555
Hanover	Hanover 432
Harrietsville	Moffat 399
Harriston	Harriston 262
Harrow	King Edward 488
Harrowsmith	Albion 109
Hastings	Hastings 633
Havelock	Havelock 435
Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury 450
Hazeldean	Hazeldean 517
Hensall	Zurich 224
Hepworth	Burns 436
Hesper	New Hope 279
Highgate	Highgate 336
Hornepayne	Hornepayne 636
Huntsville	Unity 376
Iderton	Henderson 388
Ingersoll	King Hiram 37
Ingersoll	St. John's 68
Innerkip	Oak Branch 261
Inwood	Inwood 503
Iroquois	Friendly Brothers 143
Iroquois Falls	Abitibi 540
Jarvis	King Solomon 329
Keene	Keene 374
Keewatin	Keewatin 417
Kemptville	Mount Zion 28
Kenora	Lake of the Woods 445
Kenora	Pequonga 414
Kincardine	Northern Light 93
King	Robertson 292
Kingston	Cataraqui 92
Kingston	Minden 253
Kingston	Queen's 578
Kingston	Royal Edward 585

Location	Name and No.
Kingston	The Anct. St. John's 3
Kingsville	St. George 41
Kinmount	Somerville 451
Kirkfield	Victoria 398
Kirkland Lake	Doric 623
Kitchener	Grand River 151
Kitchener	Twin City 509
Komoka	Myra 529
Lakefield	Clementi 313
Lakeside	Doric 569
Lambeth	St. Paul's 107
Lambton Mills	Mimico 369
Lanark	Evergreen 209
Lancaster	Lancaster 207
Lansdowne	Lansdowne 387
Lawrence	Prince of Wales 171
Leamington	Leamington 290
Lindsay	Faithful Brethren 77
Lindsay	Gothic 608
Listowel	Bernard 225
Little Current	Doric 455
Lobo	Doric 289
Lombardy	Otter 504
Londesboro	Hullett 568
London	Acacia 580
London	Corinthian 330
London	King Solomon's 378
London	Kilwinning 64
London	St. John's 20
London	St. John's 209a
London	St. George's 42
London	Temple 597
London	Tuscan 195
London	Union 380
Lucan	Irving 154
Lucknow	Old Light 184
Lyn	Lyn 416
Lynden	Lynden 505
Madoc	Madoc 48
Mallorytown	Macoy 242
Maple	Vaughan 54
Markdale	Hiram 490
Markham	Markham Union 87
Marmora	Marmora 222
Martintown	Martintown 596
Mattawa	Mattawa 405
Maxville	Maxville 418
Meaford	Pythagoras 137
Melbourne	Dufferin 364
Merlin	Century 457
Merrickville	Merrickville 55
Merrittton	Adanac 614
Midland	Caledonian 249
Millbrook	J. B. Hall 145
Millgrove	Waterdown 357
Milton	St. Clair 135
Milverton	Milverton 478
Mimico	Connaught 501
Mimico	Anthony Sayer 640
Mimico	Lake Shore 645
Mimico	Long Branch 632
Minden	Arcadia 440
Mitchell	Tudor 141
Monkton	Elma 456
Morrisburg	Excelsior 142
Mount Brydges	St. John's 81
Mount Elgin	Dereham 624
Mount Forest	St. Alban's 200
Napanee	Union 9
Napier	Tonic 328
Newboro	Simpson 157
Newburgh	Prince of Wales 146
Newcastle	Durham 66
New Hamburg	New Dominion 205

Location	Name and No.	Location	Name and No.
New Liskeard.....	Temiskaming 462	Queensville.....	Sharon 97
Newmarket.....	Tuscan 99	Rainy River.....	Ionic 461
Niagara.....	Niagara 2	Renfrew.....	Renfrew 122
Niagara Falls.....	Adoniram 573	Riceville.....	Plantagenet 186
Niagara Falls.....	Clifton 254	Richmond.....	Goodwood 159
Niagara Falls.....	St. Mark's 105	Richmond Hill.....	Richmond 23
Nilestown.....	Nilestown 345	Ridgetown.....	Howard 391
North Augusta.....	Crystal Fountain 389	Ridgeway.....	Dominion 615
North Bay.....	Nipissing 420	Rodney.....	Rodney 411
North Bay.....	North Bay 617	Russell.....	Russell 479
North Gower.....	Corinthian 476	Sarnia.....	St. Paul 601
Norwich.....	St. John's 104	Sarnia.....	Liberty 419
Norwood.....	Norwood 223	Sarnia.....	Tuscan 437
Oakville.....	Oakville 400	Sarnia.....	Victoria 56
Odessa.....	Prince Arthur 228	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Algoma 469
Oil Springs.....	Alexandra 158	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Keystone 412
Omeme.....	Lorne 375	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Hatherly 625
Onondaga.....	Onondaga 519	Schomberg.....	Union 118
Orangeville.....	Harris 216	Scotland.....	Scotland 193
Orillia.....	Orillia 192	Seaforth.....	Britannia 170
Orono.....	Orono 325	Scudder.....	Pelee 627
Oshawa.....	Cedar 270	Seeley's Bay.....	Rideau 460
Oshawa.....	Lebanon 139	Sharbot Lake.....	Frontenac 621
Ottawa.....	Ashlar 564	Shelburne.....	Lorne 377
Ottawa.....	Civil Service 148	Simcoe.....	Norfolk 10
Ottawa.....	Chaudiere 264	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout 518
Ottawa.....	Dalhousie 52	Smith's Falls.....	Osiris 489
Ottawa.....	Defenders 590	Smith's Falls.....	St. Francis 24
Ottawa.....	Doric 58	Smithville.....	Coronation 502
Ottawa.....	Lodge of Fidelity 231	Sombra.....	St. Clair 425
Ottawa.....	Prince of Wales 371	Southampton.....	St. Lawrence 131
Ottawa.....	Rideau 595	South Augusta.....	St. James 74
Ottawa.....	St. Andrew's 560	South End.....	Stamford 626
Ottawa.....	Sydney Albert Luke 558	Spencerville.....	Nation 556
Ottawa.....	The Builders 177	Springfield.....	Springfield 259
Owen Sound.....	North Star 322	Stayner.....	Northern Light 266
Owen Sound.....	St. George's 88	St. Catharines.....	Maple Leaf 103
Paisley.....	Aldworth 235	St. Catharines.....	St. George's 15
Palmerston.....	Blair 314	St. Catharines.....	Perfection 616
Paris.....	St. John's 82	St. Catharines.....	Temple 296
Parkhill.....	Doric 233	St. George.....	St. George 243
Parry Sound.....	Granite 352	Stirling.....	Stirling 69
Pembroke.....	Pembroke 128	St. Mary's.....	St. James 73
Penetanguishene.....	Georgian 348	St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's 493
Perth.....	True Britons 14	Stoney Creek.....	Wentworth 166
Peterborough.....	Corinthian 101	Stouffville.....	Richardson 136
Peterborough.....	Peterborough 155	Stratford.....	Stratford 332
Peterborough.....	Royal Arthur 523	Stratford.....	Tecumseh 144
Petrolia.....	Petrolia 194	Strathroy.....	Beaver 83
Petrolia.....	Washington 260	Streetsville.....	River Park 356
Pickering.....	Doric 424	Stroud.....	Minerva 304
Picton.....	Prince Edward 18	St. Thomas.....	St. David's 302
Plattsville.....	Plattsville 173	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas 44
Porcupine.....	Porcupine 506	St. Thomas.....	Talbot 546
Port Arthur.....	Shuniah 287	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls 447
Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur 499	Sudbury.....	Nickel 427
Port Arthur.....	Thunder Bay 618	Sunderland.....	King Edward 464
Port Burwell.....	Oriental 181	Sundridge.....	Strong 423
Port Credit.....	Mississauga 524	Sutton West.....	Malone 512
Port Colborne.....	Macnab 169	Tamworth.....	Lorne 404
Port Dalhousie.....	Seymour 277	Tara.....	Maple Leaf 362
Port Dover.....	Erie 149	Tavistock.....	Tavistock 609
Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin 429	Teeswater.....	Teeswater 276
Port Hope.....	Hope 114	Thamesford.....	King Solomon 394
Port Hope.....	Ontario 26	Thamesville.....	Tecumseh 245
Port McNicol.....	Earl Kitchener 538	Thedford.....	Cassia 116
Port Perry.....	Fidelity 428	Thessalon.....	Dyment 442
Port Robinson.....	Myrtle 337	Thorndale.....	Mount Olivet 300
Port Rowan.....	Walsingham 174	Thornhill.....	Patterson 265
Port Stanley.....	St. Mark's 94	Thorold.....	Mountain 221
Powassan.....	Powassan 443	Tilbury.....	Naphtali 413
Prescott.....	Central 110	Tilsonburg.....	King Hiram 78
Preston.....	Preston 297	Timmins.....	Golden Beaver 528
Princeton.....	Blenheim 108	Tiverton.....	Bruce 341

Location	Name and No.	Location	Name and No.
Toronto.....	Acacia 430	Toronto.....	Transportation 583
Toronto.....	Alpha 384	Toronto.....	Tuscan 541
Toronto.....	Antiquity 571	Toronto.....	Ulster 537
Toronto.....	Ashlar 247	Toronto.....	Unity 606
Toronto.....	Bay-of-Quinte 620	Toronto.....	University 496
Toronto.....	Bedford 638	Toronto.....	Victoria 474
Toronto.....	Caledonia 637	Toronto.....	Victory 547
Toronto.....	Canada 532	Toronto.....	War Veterans 586
Toronto.....	Cathedral 643	Toronto.....	Wellington 635
Toronto.....	Corinthian 481	Toronto.....	Wilson 36
Toronto.....	Coronati 520	Toronto.....	York 156
Toronto.....	Delta 634	Toronto.....	Zeta 410
Toronto.....	Doric 316	Toronto.....	Zetland 326
Toronto.....	Dufferin 570	Tottenham.....	Tottenham 467
Toronto.....	Fairbank 592	Trenton.....	Trent 38
Toronto.....	Fidelity 575	Tweed.....	Tweed 239
Toronto.....	Georgina 343	Uxbridge.....	Zeredatha 220
Toronto.....	General Mercer 548	Vankleek Hill.....	St. John's 21
Toronto.....	Golden Fleece 607	Victoria Harbor.....	Victoria 470
Toronto.....	Grenville 629	Vienna.....	Vienna 237
Toronto.....	Grey 589	Vittoria.....	Vittoria 359
Toronto.....	Harcourt 581	Wales.....	Wales 458
Toronto.....	Harmony 438	Walkerton.....	Saugeen 197
Toronto.....	High Park 531	Wallaceburg.....	Phyx 312
Toronto.....	Huron-Bruce 611	Wardsville.....	Hammond 327
Toronto.....	Imperial 543	Warkworth.....	Percy 161
Toronto.....	Ionic 25	Waterford.....	Wilson 113
Toronto.....	King Solomon's 22	Waterloo.....	Waterloo 539
Toronto.....	Kilwinning 565	Watford.....	Havelock 238
Toronto.....	King Hiram 566	Welland.....	Copestone 373
Toronto.....	John Ross Robertson 545	Welland.....	Merritt 168
Toronto.....	Maple Leaf 600	Wellandport.....	Dufferin 338
Toronto.....	Melita 605	Wellington.....	Star in the East 164
Toronto.....	Metropolitan 542	Westboro.....	Acacia 561
Toronto.....	Mizpah 572	Westboro.....	Ionic 526
Toronto.....	Mimosa 576	West Flamboro.....	Dufferin 291
Toronto.....	Mount Dennis 599	W. Fort William.....	Connaught 511
Toronto.....	Mt. Sinai 522	West Lorne.....	McColl 386
Toronto.....	North Gate 591	Weston.....	Humber 305
Toronto.....	Oakwood 553	Westport.....	Westport 441
Toronto.....	Occident 346	Wheatley.....	Xenophon 448
Toronto.....	Orient 339	Whitby.....	Composite 30
Toronto.....	Palestine 559	Wiarton.....	Cedar 396
Toronto.....	Parkdale 510	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg 480
Toronto.....	Patricia 587	Winchester.....	Henderson 383
Toronto.....	Prince of Wales 630	Windsor.....	Border Cities 554
Toronto.....	Queen City 552	Windsor.....	Dominion 598
Toronto.....	Rehoboam 65	Windsor.....	Garden 641
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2—J. A. Coleman, Aug. 24; G. S. Hickey, Oct. 23. 3—W. Leslie, Mar. 10; A. R. Martin, Apr. 13; J. S. Skinner, Oct. 21; W. J. B. White, Aug. 5; J. R. Smeaton, Jan. 9. 5—J. A. Price, Feb. 12; J. Stenson, Mar. 27; G. W. Garrett, May 10; R. A. P. Nash, May 13; H. M. Nevens, June 21; J. L. Publow, Aug. 12. 6—D. Bell, Dec. 11; 1925; W. H. Ainsworth, Jan. 9; T. S. Gosnell, Jan. 25; T. J. W. Burgess, Jan. 18; A. M. Cunningham, Feb. 22; R. Hobson, Feb. 25; J. Ferres, Mar. 20; L. H. Lander, May 27; J. H. Walker, June 5; F. Johnson, July 3; G. Ross, July 5; F. J. Lavery, July, 6; R. S. Morris, July 9; J. T. Middleton, July 12; W. Farrar, July 20; S. H. Wilkinson, Sep. 22; C. Munro, Oct. 10; R. J. Howard, Oct. 15; C. B. Dinkel, Nov. 4; P. Thomson, Dec. 8. 7—W. W. Kidd, Feb. 3. 9—E. S. Lapum, Jan. 16; W. H. Milsop, Mar. 13; S. A. Thompson, Dec. 17. 10—M. Brown, June 5; D. A. Bowlby, June 11. 11—E. R. Farnham, Feb. 18; E. F. Milburn, Apr. 13; A. McNabb, May 20; H. Taylor, July 15; J. Harold, Nov. 29. 14—T. Elliott, June 18; A. Kippen, July 5; W. Watters, Oct. 7. 15—R. T. Abell, Jan. 8; O. Stevens, Nov. 30. 16—E. Y. Spurr, Feb. 25; T. Sanderson, Feb. 26; E. Smith, Mar. 11; F. H. Woods, Mar. 14; J. W. Dowd, May 13; L. J. Clark, June 13; R. W. Doan, July 8; J. S. Lovell, Aug. 5; W. H. Newsome, Sep. 15; A. S. Vogt, Sep. 17; J. M. Faircloth, Oct. 14; W. J. Clark, Nov. 5; H. Simpson, Dec. 16; W. S. Plews, Dec. 27. 17—B. J. Mallory, Jan. 9; G. Gaillett, Jan. 16; S. Nichols, Jan. 24; E. W. Hargraft, Mar. 17; P. McNaughton, Mar. 7; J. Cameron, May 1; M. C. Nichols, Aug. 22. 18—J. A. Raynor, Mar. 8; S. J. Fox, May 1; F. Cahoon, June 14; J. W. Vance, June 26; T. W. Harrison, Sep. 27; M. K. Adams, Dec. 26; J. McQuoid, Oct. 13. 20—A. Swayzie, Mar. 9; F. J. Moole, May 15; S. C. Rapson, May 23; R. Watson, July 19; J. T. Douglas, Sept. 12; J. Dodds, Oct. 1; W. Gerry, Oct. 7; J. McLarty, Nov. 4. 21A—V. Smith, Apr. 3. 22—M. Felan, Feb. 16; H. Talbot, Mar. 28; W. E. Watson, Oct. 26. 24—W. J. Boyd, June 2; 25—F. S. Baker, Jan. 3; R. Greig, Aug. 1; S. T. Bastedo, Dec. 2; G. Silverthorne, Dec. 4. 27—F. M. Briclry, July 9; A. Bell, Sep. 2. 28—W. E. Storey, Apr. 14. 29—E. W. Pickford, May 21; J. H. McMaster, June 12; D. W. Massey, Dec. 29, 1925. 30—J. B. Johnstone, Jan. 17. 31—D. B. Simpson, Jan. 7; J. S. Moorcraft, Jan. 20. 33—J. W. Vanatter, Dec. 25, 1925; M. Nicholson, Jan. 14; G. Thompson, Apr. 29; T. A. Tufford, June 16; T. Hollinrake, July 16. 34—G. P. Wright, 1925; J. J. Sinclair, July 13; W. P. Main, Nov. 28; 37—J. R. Davis, Apr. 3; J. G. Little, Apr. 14; H. C. Wilson, Nov. 9. 38—N. M. Sweet, Dec. 28; 1925; W. Booth, Nov. 1; 40—F. A. Kemp, Jan. 10; J. Johnson, Jan. 25; J. G. Young, Feb. 28; J. G. Gibson, Apr. 27; J. Dickson, Apr. 27; J. Malloy, May 4; W. H. Wodehouse, June 3; L. Wright, July 9; E. Porter, Aug. 19; E. Housego, Sep. 22; T. J. Stewart, Nov. 9; R. Buscombe, Nov. 4; D. Campbell, Nov. 14; J. H. Robinson, Dec. 12; W. Nicholson, Dec. 22. 41—F. Forster, Aug. 10; T. H. Elliott, July 11. 42—J. E. Judd, Jan. 14; B. W. Dawson, Feb. 15; F. H. Dawson, Feb. 18; L. Clarke, May 28; R. F. Fielding, July 15. 43—J. Luckwell, May 15; F. Armstrong, July 4; W. Murray, Aug. 17. 44—C. I. Singer, Jan. 18; R. V. Anthony, Apr. 2; M. B. Johnson, July 20; G. Welford, June 17; H. W. Abbott, Sep. 21; A. Martin, Oct. 15. 45—J. C. Nicol, Mar. 18, 1924; R. W. Johnson, Apr. 3; R. Anthony, Apr. 16; J. A. Schultz, May 5; W. H. Forde, Aug. 26; C. F. Johnson, Sep. 25; W. D. Woodley, Sep. 23; H. F. Marshall, Sep. 28; H. A. Faulds, Oct. 5; W. E. Rand, Oct. 9; F. H. Roy, Nov. 16. 46—D. H. Diamond, Dec. 31, 1925; J. H. Varrall, May 19; D. N. Nichol, Aug. 18. 47—R. T. Moon, Mar. 9; F. N. Moore, July 9; J. Robb, July 12; W. K. Martin, July 21. 48—G. Robinson, Apr. 2. 52—E. J. Knight, June 24; J. C. Brennan, Jan. 23; N. L. Wagner, Jan. 14; N. H. Atkins, May 10; C. J. Wallis, Dec. 19; E. Wallace, Sept. 20; J. D. Wallis, July 21. J. N. McIntosh, July 24; J. Davidson, Sep. 4. 54—W. McBeth, Dec. 25, 1925; 55—W. Kidd, May 24. 56—W. F. B. Colter, June 27; I. T. Gillis, Aug. 20; I. Newton, Oct. 29; T. W. Hunter, Dec. 16. 57—H. Barlow, Nov. 2. 58—J. W. Latimer, Feb. 26; G. E. Kidd, Mar. 17; C. F. Whitley, July 21; H. Pratt, Sep. 27. 61—W. Calder, Jan. 10; J. Anderson, Apr. 15; F. F. MacPherson, May 15; J. Carroll, June 24. J. Linger, July 4; P. Entwistle, Oct. 24; T. Hugo, July 20; A. E. Jones, Oct. 27. 62—C. E. Donaghy, Oct. 3; T. E. Cresswell, Nov. 26. 63—D. Moffatt, Feb. 15; J. M. Brown, Nov. 25. 64—J. B. Cox, Mar. 23; R. S. Hanson, Apr. 8; W. J. Butchart, Apr. 25; R. R. Ferguson, Apr. 27; W. Bernard, Aug. 15; S. F. Lawrason, Aug. 18; L. McCutcheon, Sep. 12; J. L. Miller, Oct. 20; E. W. M. Flock, Dec. 20; J. J. Galpin, Sep. 15. 65—W. A. Rowland, Jan. 7; A. S. Milne, Jan. 21; N. R. Jennings, Jan. 27; W. Schubert, Mar. 21; J. Park, Apr. 5; J. Gaylord, Apr. 29; W. R. Membership, July 17; T. B. Alcock, July 25; J. Maxwell, Aug. 5; J. C. Semple, Sep. 15; W. G. H. Ewing, Sep. 19; W. A. Sadler, Sep. 27; G. Heintzman, Oct. 8; C. E. Booth, Apr. 8; W. Croft, Dec. 7; J. Clegg, Dec. 20; T. H. Hill, Dec. 21. 66—J. Parker, Apr. 14. 68—F. McEwen, May 3; T.

Bennett, Feb.; G. A. C. Herdman, May 23; A. J. McCarty, Dec. 29; H. C. Ross, Nov. 9; 69—W. J. Parks, Mar. 15. 72—J. Buchanan, Nov. 7; C. R. C. Kennedy, Aug. 9, 1919; M. McFarlane, Sep. 30, 1907; J. C. Sanderson, July 6, 1920; W. Trotter, Jan. 9, 1920; J. D. Webster, Jan. 29, 1924. G. P. Sylvester, Jan. 13, 1924; N. Wilkins, Dec. 13, 1918; A. G. Elmslie, Feb. 27, 1916; E. A. Green, Oct. 21, 1921; F. McDougall, Jan. 17; A. S. Thomas, May 11.

74—A. F. Champman, Apr. 12; C. J. Johns, June 5. 75—J. Wright, Jan. 25; J. Harris, Mar. 7; F. W. Coles, June 11; S. W. Knight, Sep. 28; G. J. VanNortrud, Oct. 23; J. Hackett, Dec. 20. 76—R. Harrison, Feb. 13; W. B. Moulton, Mar. 14; J. Cook, Oct. 14. 77—J. Stover, Mar. 29; W. H. Bailey, June 21; W. H. Skuce, June 29; G. H. M. Baker, Oct. 18; A. F. Palen, Oct. 3; J. J. McCulloch, Oct. 6; J. J. Beacom, Nov. 5. 78—G. N. Gardner, Feb. 13; H. A. Forhan, Apr. 17; W. Bone, May 1; H. T. Bowen, July 3; W. McGuire, Oct. 14. 79—R. E. Tindall, Apr. 1; G. Ogilvie, June 28. 81—H. Oliver, Apr. 24; A. L. Campbell, Apr. 30; C. T. Gordon, June 1. 82—W. B. Appleby, Nov. 24; H. McDougall, June 11. 83—W. H. Tanton, Sep. 7. 84—H. Twitchell, Apr. 10. 85—A. McQuinn, Apr. 6; A. E. Donovan, Dec. 6; R. Mackie, Nov. 16. 86—G. Ross, July 4; R. Fielding, July 16; R. Scott, July 17; E. Vaisey, Aug. 11. 87—J. M. Armstrong, Mar. 8; W. F. Scott, Apr. 24. 88—C. Gaskell, Oct. 26; A. Green, Dec. 7. 90—C. H. Fair, Feb. 28; J. A. Caslake, June 2; C. E. Lawrence, Sep. 1; S. Borland, Nov. 26; W. Herrington, Nov. 20. 91—W. H. Smith, Apr. 10. 92—J. R. Smeaton, Jan. 8; W. Newman, May 11; J. J. M. Shepherd, June 4; J. Weir, July 7; W. Parks, Aug. 14; W. J. McManus, Aug. 30; G. MacNamee, Oct. 1; W. Lowe, Aug. ...; G. McCallum, Dec. 30; J. A. Madill, no date; T. H. Crozier, Jr., Oct. 1. 96—G. Parks, Apr. 3; F. Dunn, June 10; A. Parker, Oct. 31; E. Shear, Dec. 24. 97—J. M. Milne, May 4; G. F. Gerry, June 4. 98—T. D. Elliott, July 18; J. G. Thomson, Nov. 13. 99—F. Snyder, July 14; W. H. Rosenhagen, Dec. 8. 100—C. C. Greening, June 28; A. Bertram, Apr. 24. 10—G. L. Hay, Jan. 11; W. C. Switzer, Sep. 7; H. Rush, Nov. 24. 103—R. Brownlow, Mar. 31; A. G. Kidder, Apr. 21; R. H. Elphick, May 11; T. D. C. Felker, May 12; R. Foster, Sep. 11; C. A. Boles, Nov. 18. 104—J. S. Stevens, May 1; G. Tipper, July 10; W. E. Maedal, Dec. 22. 105—T. McDonald, Jan. 9; R. Cruickshank, Apr. 10. 106—J. Oliver, Oct. 2. 107—J. Murray, Feb. 11; D. Mann, May 23; A. Davey, June 14; E. L. Davis, Nov. 23. 108—F. Vichert, May 28. 109—J. C. Connelly, Apr. 17. 110—G. I. Burchell, Jan. 2; T. Gandin, Jan. 31; G. Wilkinson, Apr. 17; J. A. Wood, Sep. 17; J. Turner, Oct. 23. 113—J. C. Litchworth, Jan. 6. 114—J. R. Dengate, Jan. 2, S. Alcott, Mar. 24. 115—J. D. Bennett, Jan. 2; M. Linan, Jan. 3; A. P. Thomas, Mar. 3; T. Felker, May 12; M. J. Haynes, July 24. 118—J. A. M. Armstrong, Feb. 2. 120—J. Gunning, Aug. 2. 121—P. Noble, Feb. 1; R. J. Moore, Feb. 5; W. Maxwell, Feb. 5; M. Baerett, Feb. 18; F. H. Gott, Mar. 17; J. S. Buckell, Mar. 24; J. M. Fallis, May 29; J. H. Harper, July 21; M. McCormack, Aug. 26; T. V. Crandell, Sep. 4; W. E. Gordanier, Sep. 6; W. M. Ismond, Sep. 9. 122—D. H. Hodges, Dec. 25, 1925; J. Halliday, May 4; R. W. Eady, Mar. 29; H. B. Gray, Apr. 16. 123—J. Harris, Feb. 24; R. J. Boyce, Apr. 24; R. A. Yager, June 26; S. Masson, Sep. 17. 125—W. O. Relyea, Mar. 27; T. A. Norris, Apr. 18. 126—C. Wnesley, June 15; D. G. Ballantyne, Oct. 127—C. Gossins, Sep. 17; H. V. Malone, Oct. 22. 128—J. H. Buttitt, Apr. 16. 129—C. Collett, May 17. 131—W. Logie, Sep. 8; W. McGregor, Nov. 4. 133—M. Baerett, Feb. 15; W. Moffatt, Nov. 4. 137—W. M. Bonnell, May 28. 139—G. N. Bloomfield, May 2; J. L. Ahattam, May 30; F. E. Dingle, Sep. 13; W. Hay, Oct. 28; J. W. Provan, Dec. 25. 140—D. H. Price, Jan. 25; J. Simpson, Apr. 8; H. B. Hodgkins, Dec. 27. 141—J. Coppin, Mar. 10; J. Davis, Mar. 23; E. M. Eckert, Oct. 19. 142—J. H. Mullin, Jan. 6. 143—H. M. Collison, Feb. 26; G. W. Collison, Mar. 4; S. Wood, July 10. 144—W. Casson, Jan. 27; W. Irwin, Apr. 18; J. A. Caslake, June 2. H. Ubelacker, Aug. 6; G. J. Waugh, Dec. 3; T. Jiliffe, Dec. 9. 147—T. Lodge, May 21; J. H. Thrall, Apr. 10. 148—P. F. Genest, Mar. 25; G. M. Waterhouse, Apr. 7; T. Shanks, Oct. 13. 149—A. M. Thompson, Jan. 16; H. Fawcett, June 12; A. J. Dell, Nov. 18. 151—E. Haedke, Feb. 23; J. W. Favey, Mar. 30; B. Koehler, Apr. 26. D. M. Bemis, June 2; J. E. Ashwell, July 3; W. A. Sterling, Jan. 21. 153—H. Montgomery, Jan. 10. 154—W. J. Dore, Feb. 18; J. Fox, July 30; R. B. Mowbray, Aug. 19. 155—P. S. Bysche, May 14; J. F. Ecobichon, May 11; H. Rush, Nov. 24. 156—J. Dickenson, Mar. 1; O. Bell, Apr. 17; W. Duncan, May 21; A. Watt, July 25; C. Spittel, Oct. 21; E. E. Sutherland, May 27. 157—W. H. Sturgeon, June 25; R. H. Preston, Dec. 18. 158—J. W. McDougall, Jan. 28; J. S. Shannon, Dec. 20. 159—W. Richardson, Apr. 25; R. Hill, Oct. 14; H. Rielly, May 12. 161—J. A. C. McDonald, June 8; J. N. Richards, June 11; J. B. Sweet, Aug. 18. 164—A. B. Wilson, Jan. 6; A. M. Osborne, July 18. 165—O. C. Diaper, Apr. 2; N. C. McClenahan, Apr. 30; W. D. Scott, July 3. 166—J. A. Hogarth, Jan. 20; J. Slingerland, Feb. 22; A. French, June 26; E. Lee, June 29; W. H. Hunter, July 14; J. Black, Aug. 9; C. E. DeWitt, Nov. 15. 168—T. Leitch, Mar. 8; A. Calvert, Mar. 30; W. L. Horton, May 8; B. MacLean, May 11; H. E. Dawdy, July 8; L. H. Purse, Oct. 28. 169—J. Smith, Oct. 9. 170—A. J. Joynt, Apr. 27. 174—A. A. Cadagon, Apr. 23; F. H.

Fearsall, May 5. 177—T. E. Davidson, Jan. 26; G. A. Lawrence, Feb. 24; H. B. Burney, May 28; E. Daubney, Sep. 29. 180—E. Butler, Apr. 12; A. MacDonald, Dec. 23. 184—W. McArthur, Mar. 12; A. Cameron, Dec. 2. 185—C. J. Martindale, Oct. 3. 186—F. B. Wight, Jan. 7. 192—E. B. Alport, Mar. 1; J. W. Ellis, May 5; H. Lloyd, Jan. 5; A. McKinlay, June 2; W. M. Shields, Apr. 27; J. Preece, Aug. 9. 193—J. W. McLaren, Mar. 23; C. L. Baldwin, Aug. 10. 194—W. G. Fraser, Feb. 26; J. Battice, June 10. 195—E. G. Yeates, June 30. C. S. Hyman, no date. 196—S. E. Johnston, Aug. 6; R. S. Drysdale, Nov. 29. 200—W. L. Smith, July 14; W. Conner, July 26. 201—R. J. Wilson, Apr. 1; A. Clare, June 18; C. R. Cotton, Dec. 18. 203—F. Harrison, Mar. 18; J. C. Farrelly, June 13. 207—J. Snider, Jan. 1; R. Bethune, Oct. 22. 209A—J. J. Wilkes, Jan. 2; E. O. Jones, Feb. 2; G. Grant, Apr. 21; O. K. Lauckner, June 25; J. E. Willis, Sep. 18; J. Young, July 15; A. J. Palmer, Oct. 15; G. Banks, Nov. 9; H. F. D. Knight, Dec. 5. 209—D. McLaren, Apr. 18. 215—R. R. Hubbs, Apr. 23; H. Dager, Dec. 26. 216—R. Irvine, June 13; J. S. Robertson, June 3; J. J. White, Dec. 2; W. Stubbs, Nov. 28. 217—T. Mathews, Mar. 3. 218—A. Rice, Jan. 12; G. W. Guest, June 3; A. W. Johnstone, June 14; W. B. Levack, June 15; J. Robinson, Aug. 13; J. Greer, Dec. 15. 219—F. S. Near, Sep. 21. 220—W. Gordon, May 28; C. Asling, Aug. 26. 221—N. Hixson, May 28; J. A. Tincknell, Mar. 13. 222—H. C. Wiggins, Mar. 8; J. McAlpine, July 24. 223—F. Anderson, Feb. 6; E. W. Pickford, May 22. 225—W. D. Gray, Aug. 6; W. Hamilton, Sep. 16. 228—W. T. Hodge, Feb. 23; B. A. Booth, Dec. 14; P. A. Snider, Sep. 8. 229—J. J. Stewart, Apr. 14; R. Blain, Nov. 27. 230—C. G. MacBeth, Mar.; R. H. Webb, Nov. 18. 231—W. Blore, Dec. 29; 1925; C. M. Maas, Apr. 20; C. S. Binks, Aug. 10; W. J. Meller, Oct. 21; H. M. Sproule, Nov. 2; M. H. Hayes, Nov. 28; J. E. Brown, Dec. 11. 232—A. Love, Oct. 28. 234—J. W. Tyson, Nov. 5. 237—E. H. Sufel, May 1. 239—H. W. Bradt, Jan. 7; W. Lusk, Jan. 14; W. M. Garrett, July 3; E. Morton, Sep. 26. 242—A. Root, Sr., Nov. 28. 243—A. M. Cunningham, Feb. 22; F. C. Braithwaite, Dec. 8. 245—J. E. Pickard, Jan. 27. 247—W. Farncomb, Sep. 21. 249—R. Raikes, Apr. 7; E. H. Walker, Apr. 5; D. H. Wray, Dec. 19. 250—A. Bain, Apr. 12. 253—H. W. Newman, May 3; J. Vair, May 28; J. R. Smeaton, Jan. 8; F. G. Angell, Aug. 13; I. J. Jenkins, July 7; G. W. Bell, Oct. 12; W. Newlands, Nov. 24. 254—F. J. Gribble, Feb. 11; T. McGowan, Mar. 13; A. J. L. Fenwick, Apr. 6; A. Gray, Apr. 10; F. C. Townsend, Sep. 8; W. L. Miller, Sep. 12; R. H. Warren, Dec. 14. 255—W. T. Prangley, Aug. 19. 257—J. A. McDonald, Apr. 19; R. K. Mears, Sep. 25. 258—W. Sunley, June 10. 259—G. H. Savage, June 30. 260—W. W. McRae, Jan. 25; J. Tiffin, Jan. 30; S. E. Kerby, Apr. 19; F. Scarsbrook, Nov. 4; R. R. Bell, Nov. 25. 261—A. Smith, Sep. 16. 262—J. Davidson, June 10. 263—C. W. Gill, June 18; W. Cox, July 11; C. F. Smith, Aug. 30. 264—D. McLarty, Feb. 18; T. Beeson, May 15; W. F. Scott, Jan. 17; F. C. Carruthers, Feb. 2; H. Lester, May 22; J. Hucklell, Aug. 28; T. E. Waddell, July 22; H. Bradley, Dec. 4. 265—A. Hendricks, Dec. 2. 267—H. G. Richards, Jan. 20; C. E. Goodman, Feb. 19; W. A. Moore, Mar. 18; J. A. Stricker, Mar. 24; C. R. Cape, Mar. 28; J. A. Jermyn, Apr. 2; J. Martin, Oct. 22. 268—J. R. Moyle, Mar. 12; H. W. Hurchmer, Apr. 23; C. D. Kellett, May 11; R. Richmond, Sep. 29. 269—C. A. Barclay, Mar. 5; F. A. Beaton, May 21. 270—John Long, no date. 271—L. H. Willis, May 11; W. J. Smith, Nov. 26. 272—F. Regan, Sep. 5; W. Boggs, Nov. 14. 274—F. Walker, Jan. 4; W. D'Clute, Nov. 3; W. French, Nov. 1. 277—A. M. Harris, Feb. 21. 279—J. Stark, July 7. 282—D. Gillies, Apr. 20; D. Henderson, May 4; C. Scott, May 12. 283—E. Fay, Feb. 24; W. H. Lattimer, May 15. 284—B. J. Forrest, Nov. 19; R. S. Fox, Dec. 24. 286—L. W. Hanson, Jan. 10. 287—A. W. Thompson, Jan. 12; A. L. Clark, June 25. 288—J. C. Rodden, Aug. 10; W. S. Beaver, Aug. 17. 290—J. H. Mitchell, Mar. 11; V. Daughtrey, July 8; A. J. Dell, Nov. 22. 291—J. Tunis, Aug. 23. 295—J. I. Cassidy, Oct. 19. 296—G. H. Smith, June 7. 297—W. C. Sapworth, Jan. 17; W. D. Hepburn, Sep. 17. 299—J. Reid, June 18. 302—A. W. McBain, Jan. 23; W. McNamus, Apr. 9; W. Noble, Apr. 9; D. A. Dewar, June 21. 304—J. W. Black, June 30; J. Johnson, Apr. 10. 305—R. Davidson, Jan. 15; D. H. Adhman, Jan. 21; W. J. Drinkwater, Nov. 20. 306—C. L. Grant, May 25. 311—J. F. McIntosh, Mar. 1. 312—A. S. Hayward, Apr. 13; R. Sutherland, Mar. 8; J. Scott, Sep. 17; C. E. Nightingale, July 14; G. R. Pierce, Feb. 2; W. W. Hay, Dec. 16; C. R. Tulloch, Sep. 20. 313—H. A. Montgomery, Mar. 25; C. B. Coones, Apr. 17. 314—A. Brechin, May 11; J. M. Hutt, Oct. 6. 315—J. H. Taylor, Dec. 10. 316—H. F. McCrossen, Feb. 21; J. G. McLaren, Mar. 17; D. C. Hollowell, Apr. 3; T. N. Healey, May 13; W. Green, May 30; H. G. Dillmuth, Aug. 14; R. J. Orr, Aug. 18; H. J. Thorley, Aug. 22. 320—J. G. Tate, Sep. 7. 321—W. Hampshire, Jan. 18; D. C. Russell, May 3. 322—W. Younger, May 18. 323—F. J. Benner, July 31; D. McCallum, Aug. 10; T. Gaffaney, Apr. 17. 324—A. Brown, Jan. 16; A. M. Cunningham, Feb. 22; E. Slater, Jan. 25; W. H. Stamp, Apr. 23; C. G. Booker, Apr. 3; W. Pendlebury, Sr., May 7; H. B. Stout, June 10; J. S. Boothman, June 16; C. E. Conley, Aug. 3; H. N. Kittson, Aug. 8; J. V. Teetzel, Aug. 24; W. H. Marshall, Sep. 16. 326—J. B. Hutchins, Feb. 25; J. R. Muir, Apr. 24; W. C. Rankine, May 20; T. A.

Mitchell, June 19; R. A. Baker, July 27; F. W. Angus, Nov. 9; H. C. Boulter, Dec. 5; N. J. L. Marshall, Dec. 9; J. P. Langley, Dec. 17; R. H. Martin, Nov. 23. 329—S. Lewis, Apr. 14. 330—G. Evans, Mar. 11; T. Mason, Jan. 15; W. H. Strangeman, Apr. 17; W. J. Wright, Feb. 3; W. J. Suhr, June 12; S. Wright, July 20; J. Nutkins, July 14; W. L. Fagan, Aug. 6; R. Gough, Dec. 20. 332—F. W. Entricken, Mar. 8; J. W. Chowen, Mar. 24; H. E. A. Bolter, Aug. 6; J. W. Potts, Dec. 13. 333—W. A. Blake, Oct. 13; F. Chislett, Oct. 10. 334—J. G. Graham, June 25. 336—J. Morningstar, Jan. 19; E. R. McColl, July 7. 337—D. Shainholtz, June 29. 338—J. M. Lymburner, Mar. 17. 339—A. S. Weiss, Dec. 29, 1925; J. Mainhood, Mar. 10; W. T. Parrington, Apr. 17; F. Lepper, May 5; J. A. B. Thompson, Sep. 16; S. A. Ward, Sep. 26; L. J. Jessemann, no date. 341—J. McKay, Apr. 19. 343—R. W. Campbell, Jan. 20; J. S. Bowbanks, Mar. 28; E. C. Hitchman, May 24; W. H. Brown, July 3; D. P. Smith, Dec. 5. 344—G. W. Patterson, Apr. 1; W. J. Hazen, May 29; H. R. Eden, June 9; W. Chittick, Dec. 27. 345—L. Krane, Apr. 9; J. O'Brien, Mar. 20. 346—A. V. Guest, Jan. 22; C. C. Wightman, Jan. 30; A. J. Raynor, Feb. 7; H. McWhirter, Feb. 11; G. Shields, Feb. 13; J. F. Farish, Feb. 18; R. K. Clarke, Mar. 15; J. Kyle, Mar. 28; G. Sharland, Mar. 31; R. Battersby, May 17; G. Johnson, May 23; J. Reid, June 1; R. J. Stuart, June 12; W. Prince, Sep. 20; J. Culbert, Oct. 16; J. Farish, Dec. 15; C. W. James, Dec. 25. 347—P. Kerr, Sep. 13. 348—E. C. Spearn, Apr. 26. 352—J. Calverley, Mar. 16; E. G. Jones, Aug. 3; G. Moore, Nov. 23; C. F. Brown, Dec. 4. 354—F. M. Summerfeldt, Sep. 3; A. C. McFarlane, Nov. 18. 360—T. Woodhouse, Mar. 19; P. P. Campbell, July 19. 361—J. Davidson, July 10; G. Everson, Dec. 9. 367—G. H. Woodburn, Feb. 1; W. Dalton, Mar. 14. 368—W. C. Thomson, Feb. 10; C. Pritchard, May 18; C. Coghlán, Mar. 2. 369—J. Thirkle, Apr. 18; A. R. Feast, May 29. 370—J. P. Copeland, Apr. 7. 371—C. F. Smith, Mar. 7; J. Milne, June 20; C. I. Stata, July 23; J. J. Good, Aug. 2; J. J. Wilder, Nov. 29. 372—J. G. Watts, July 23; H. E. Fite, Dec. 17. 373—T. H. Sears, Jan. 17; P. Burrows, Jan. 30; T. Main, Apr. 10; G. A. Warne, Dec. 1. 374—W. D. Robertson, Dec. 22. 375—G. McCague, Aug. 25; T. A. McPherson, Nov. 8. 376—H. M. Parliament, Jan. 13. 377—D. S. Thompson, Dec. 27. 378—J. D. Milton, Feb. 24; W. T. Bradt, Sep. 30; R. Robinson, Sep. 18; D. M. Cameron, Aug. 29. 380—H. M. Douglass, May 12; J. Moorhead, Mar. 11; H. Hogg, Feb. 2; G. Duncan, Oct. 14; J. Monk, Oct. 27. 382—R. Rowe, May 4; J. Davidson, May 14; J. Whitehead, May 26; G. Chambers, July 13; W. A. Blake, Oct. 14. 383—J. Christie, May 6. 384—W. Brandon, Feb. 12; C. O. Jolley, May 6; W. Leamon, Jan. 4; G. J. Hobbis, Feb. 14; W. T. Dridham, Nov. 3; J. Riddell, Nov. 10; R. M. Wallace, July 24; H. A. Giles, July 30. 385—W. Nichol, Nov. 15. 388—H. C. West, Nov. 4; A. A. Thompson, Dec. 8. 389—W. H. Love, Mar. 26. 391—O. Ranson, Feb. 12; L. B. Tape, Mar. 12. 393—R. McNally, Nov. 22. 394—J. McWilliams, Feb. 9; E. Webb, Dec. 17. 395—J. A. Buchanan, May 23; 396—J. T. Crawford, Jan. 27. 397—J. Watson, Jan. 13; A. Wilson, Mar. 14. 399—J. W. Ellwood, Aug. 5. 400—J. Bond, Jan. 31; M. Felan, Feb. 17; C. H. Cross, Aug. 23. 402—L. L. Barber, Mar. 6; J. McMurren, Mar. 24. 403—H. Roberts, Jan. 24; E. G. Swift, Jan. 31; M. G. Ritzer, Apr. 4; E. H. Gregory, June 25; J. F. Smyth, Sep. 18; B. McNeil, Sep. 22. 405—J. A. Neil, Dec. 30, 1925. 408—J. W. Boynton, Feb. 6. 409—T. S. Wallace, July 17. 410—J. R. W. Wells, Jan. 7; E. A. Faulds, Mar. 18; A. E. Wallace, Mar. 28; W. H. Steley, Mar. 28; W. H. Barker, Apr. 15; T. Worthington, Sept. 12; G. G. Rowe, Sept. 24; W. A. Barker, Oct. 14; J. Graham, Nov. 15. 412—I. J. Downey, Mar. 7; J. H. Scott, May 6; J. McLurg, June 7; J. Wight, Oct. 17. 413—J. Sloane, May 23. 414—J. Fraser, July 16. 415—E. R. Atkin, Oct. 14; C. J. McLennan, May 5; W. F. Quigley, Nov. 16. 417—J. Henderson, Mar. 10; G. McKenzie, Dec. 27, 1925. 418—W. H. Brohenshire, Mar. 28. 420—G. A. Knowlton, Oct. 31; D. Cameron, Aug. 14; H. A. West, July 5. 421—J. Greenaway, Nov. 4. 422—J. B. McMurrick, Dec. 28, 1925; F. Moore, June 9; C. J. Watson, Nov. 1. 426—T. Paterson, Dec. 31, 1925. R. E. Large, Nov. 26. 427—E. E. Birchard, Jan. 3; W. W. Stull, Feb. 10; D. C. Fulton, Dec. 11. 428—E. Y. Spurr, Feb. 25; C. A. Rundle, Feb. 2. 430—C. Perkins, Mar. 31; J. Treblecock, June 9. 433—C. Whyte, Dec. 25, 1925. 435—A. W. Lane, Mar. 26; E. Williams, May 28; J. C. Dyer, Mar. 28; J. Scott, July 15. 436—J. E. Seaman, Dec. 15. 437—T. R. Davis, Dec. 31, 1925; W. J. Graham, Feb. 11; R. F. Struthers, Mar. 30; G. V. Wilson, Nov. 7; T. E. Wright, Dec. 10. 438—S. Best, Jan. 13; E. H. Armstrong, Feb. 1; J. Merner, Apr. 15; E. J. Tout, Apr. 16; E. B. Hall, May 29. G. A. Bond, Oct. 3; H. A. MacDonnell, Nov. 16. 439—J. Robertson, Oct. 12. 442—W. J. Buffey, Dec. 15. 443—J. Henderson, Apr. 19; J. K. Robertson, May 27. 445—A. E. McAmmond, Dec. 1925; T. W. Chapple, Nov. 13. 446—J. D. Bell, May 2; F. C. Hollands, May 2; A. H. Armit, Aug. 16. 447—C. L. Bain, June 5. 450—W. E. Wright, June 8; W. G. Gwynne, Aug. 5; W. Whitmore, Nov. 20; J. Gwynne, Nov. 27. 451—J. Charlmers, Jan. 1. 452—E. G. Eaman, June 21. 453—T. Johnston, May 1; L. G. Clements, Feb. 8; G. Gregory, June 26; R. E. Reese, Sep. 28; M. B. Dean, Dec. 8. 455—A. Irving, Sep. 29. 456—J. Blair, Sep. 26; O. Duffield, June 27. 458—J. R. Manning, Apr. 18. 459—W. R. Gemmell, June 23; W. B. Danlin, Dec. 16. 461—C. G. Kudy,

June 29. 462—M. Binkley, Oct. 3. 463—E. Y. Spurr, Feb. 25. 464—A. W. Hamilton, Feb. 3. 465—G. Gow, Sep. 8. 466—A. Train, Jan. 14: W. F. W. Lent, Apr. 2: J. H. Langman, Sep. 12. 469—H. Dennison, Mar. 2: W. R. Markle, Apr. 18: G. H. Hadskis, June 1: T. J. Wilcox, July 2. 470—A. Smethurst, July 9: J. E. Smythe, Aug. 19. 471—G. Edwards, Apr. 8. 472—J. C. Baker, Apr. 13: C. W. Stewart, Sep. 12. 473—E. A. McIntyre, Mar. 25: J. R. Gregory, Sep. 16: H. Lomas, Nov. 5. 474—A. N. Turriff, Mar. 23: D. Hart, Apr. 3: J. A. MacDonald, July 4: W. J. Nie, Oct. 4: A. Ferguson, Oct. 8. 476—H. W. Cryderman, Apr. 15. 478—W. K. Loth, Mar. 22: J. H. Schmidt, July 31. 481—J. H. Burritt, Apr. 16: J. W. Baker, May 1: T. B. Jones, Oct. 21: F. Ryan, Oct. 1. 482—J. E. Dunnett, Jan. 21: H. Brinklaw, May 18: L. Benjamin, Jan. 7. 483—J. Foster, Sep. 17. 484—A. G. Duncan, Feb. 26. 485—F. W. B. Deer, Mar. 2: T. R. Adshead, Mar. 15: H. Lockington, June 12: H. L. Slaght, June 13. 486—H. Harris, Feb. 24: S. Feathers, June 9: M. McKinnon, Aug. 15. 488—G. P. Wright, Mar. 6. 492—C. Simons, Mar. 11: S. B. Dunlop, Sep. 6. 494—A. G. Mortlock, May 26: J. Gunn, Mar. 495—D. J. McGee, Feb. 18: C. J. Kerner, Jan. 27: S. E. Colville, July 28: R. Whiting, Nov. 29: J. Milligan, July 18: L. H. Keller, Sep. 6. 496—W. E. Wray, Feb. 11: G. W. Graham, Nov. 7: G. Silverthorn, Nov. 28: J. L. Alton, Aug. 14. 497—D. W. Cronk, Dec. 13: H. R. Barker, Nov. 15. 498—W. J. Wakelin, Mar. 16. 499—H. B. Williams, June 1. 500—J. F. Smyth, Sep. —. 501—W. Fenwick, Nov. —. 502—J. H. Book, Jan. 12: R. H. Davis, Apr. 12: P. Merritt, May 14: A. D. Middaugh, Dec. 16. 505—W. D. Smith, May 7. 506—W. F. Richardson, July 2. 509—B. C. Shriener, Mar. 2. 510—J. Rogers, July 12: H. M. Patton, Dec. 12: J. W. Holden, Oct. 8. 511—A. O. Herriott, Mar. —: A. F. Kerr, May 27: W. F. Smart, June 18. 512—F. G. Tremayne, Jan. 14: J. Joyce, Jan. 14: W. J. Baynton, Feb. 6. 513—E. H. Hazell, Feb. 1: W. W. A. Vollett, June 14: B. C. Porter, Aug. 28: A. Bell, Sep. 2. 514—W. Monk, Dec. 31, 1925: J. Reekie, July 28. 515—C. A. C. Cameron, June 18: G. Brown, Aug. 18. 518—C. B. Strom, June 16. 521—A. M. Wigle, Dec. 31, 1925: A. A. Johnson, Aug. 28: J. E. Hillman, Dec. 22: R. Stevenson, Dec. 25: T. M. Brocklebank, Jan. 19, 1918. 523—H. Rush, Nov. 24. 524—W. J. McArthur, Sep. 3. 525—D. Adams, Jan. 28: F. G. Sawyer, Apr. 10. 527—F. J. Berry, May 28. 529—E. Henderson, Oct. 3. 530—T. H. Constable, Oct. 15. 531—A. Ashforth, Feb. 12: R. J. Sturgess, Apr. 8: A. M. Gibson, Sep. 29: E. E. Sutherland, Nov. 28. 532—J. Gratz, Feb. 4. 533—W. McGill, Feb. 25. 534—W. H. Moore, no date. 535—A. G. Wilkes, Apr. 15: A. E. Clark, Apr. 27: W. L. Horton, May 8. 537—R. B. Mackie, Jan. 11: W. Jackman, Feb. 10: J. Pinkerton, Feb. 8: D. C. Wilson, June 3: J. Deering, June 12: R. Steele, June 19. 539—E. Haedke, Feb. 23: W. J. Sterling, Jan. 21: B. B. Playford, Nov. 21. 540—R. A. Johnston, Oct. 21: H. D. Hennessy, Nov. 25: J. C. McCallum, Dec. 27. 543—T. Warburton, Dec. 5. 544—J. M. Lymburner, Mar. 17. 545—J. L. Milner, Apr. 29: O. Oleson, Nov. 1: D. McMillan, Dec. 20. 546—J. H. Gould, Apr. —: D. J. D. Graham, July 24. 547—E. Y. Spurr, Feb. 25: G. Ross, July 5: H. R. Perrin, Aug. 11. 548—W. Emerson, Sep. 28. 549—W. H. Barnett, Apr. 14: S. E. Colville, July 28: C. W. Wallis, Aug. 2. A. Davidson, Aug. 12. 550—J. A. Armes, Apr. 1: F. J. Hawkins, Oct. 19: J. H. Robinson, Dec. 11. 552—D. C. Wilson, June 10: W. J. Shea, Aug. 27: N. B. Knowles, Dec. 5. 553—R. A. Everetts, Nov. 20. 554—S. Faerber, May 13. 555—G. E. Hammond, Apr. 19: A. J. Beatty, Sep. 4: H. A. Davidson, Nov. 14. 560—A. Dunlop, Jan. 22: J. Davidson, Sep. 5. 561—T. Shanks, Oct. 13. 563—C. P. Stevenson, Mar. 10: E. M. Reeve, July 31. 565—J. Christie, Aug. 1. 566—H. J. Webb, May 12. 567—E. A. McIntyre, Mar. 25: E. E. Phoenix, Apr. 4. 569—C. M. Squire, Mar. 22. 570—F. H. Sifk, Mar. 14: J. S. Robertson, June 3. 572—J. Ayers, June 19: J. H. Elliott, Sep. 18: J. Gibson, Dec. 8. 574—J. R. Anderson, Feb. 20. 575—R. Young, May 21: W. V. R. Reynolds, Aug. 10. 577—E. W. Donaldson, Nov. 19. 578—J. R. Smeaton, Jan. 4: T. F. Bastedo, May. 579—C. Brown, Aug. 4: M. Meretsky, Aug. 17: G. H. Gray, Oct. 26. 580—H. D. Jackson, Mar. 18. 581—N. G. Marshall, Dec. 10. 582—I. G. Pickering, Apr. 11: G. W. Hartwell, Apr. 18: J. F. Dunlop, June 22: F. C. V. Tress, June 25: J. W. Ney, October. 1. 583—R. Ganton, Apr. 1. 585—H. W. Newman, May 3: J. R. Smeaton, Jan. 8. 586—S. Lavery, Dec. 8. 587—J. W. Smuck, Mar. 6. 589—W. J. Brown, Feb. 8: R. J. Sivil, Apr. 15: J. C. Blake, Oct. 20. 590—H. B. Burney, May 28: R. B. O'Sullivan, Oct. 1: T. Shanks, Oct. 13. 591—A. G. McDonald, Mar. 23. 592—J. McHarrie, no date: A. Watt, July 26. 593—W. A. G. Adam, Mar. 6. 599—R. Davidson, Jan. 16. 600—J. Riddell, Nov. 10. 601—T. H. Robinson, May 21. 602—D. J. McGee, Feb. 18: P. T. H. Wythe, Apr. 30. 604—L. S. Bussey, Feb. 11. 606—C. T. Lacey, May 23: J. MacKenzie, Sep. 22. 608—C. D. Kellett, May 11. 609—A. McQueen, Sep. 9. 610—A. McLean, Oct. 1. 611—L. W. Hanson, Oct. 1. 615—F. T. Coppins, Dec. 29, 1925. 616—C. F. Allison, Mar. 24: G. H. Smith, June 6. 618—W. Faulkner, June 10: T. J. C. Rodden, Aug. 10. 619—L. L. Corley, Oct. 10. 620—J. E. Dunnett, Jan. 21: W. S. Newman, Mar. 23: J. G. Young, Apr. 4: N. U. Sweet, Dec. 28, 1925: G. Ross, July 4: J. G. MacLeod, Nov. 26. 624—F. McEwen, May 31. 629—F. Kay, June 23. 636—R. S. C. M. Edwards, Sep. 5. Garden U.D.—F. N. Moore, Aug. 7.

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V.W. Bro. W. R. Ledger.....	Toronto	Nevada.....	R.W. Bro. Frank Bell.....	Reno	E. D. Vanderleith.....	Carson City
V.W. Bro. J. A. Cowan.....	Toronto	New Hampshire.....	R.W. Bro. H. C. Edgerton.....	Hanover	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord
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		New Mexico.....			A. A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Hamilton	New York.....	M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney.....	Buffalo	Robt. J. Kenworthy.....	New York
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R.W. Bro. H. D. Leask.....	North Bay	North Dakota.....	W. Bro. Alex. B. Taylor.....	Fargo	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore.....	Hamilton	Ohio.....	M.W. Bro. Frank S. Harmon.....	Cleveland	Harry S. Johnson.....	Cincinnati
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		Pennsylvania.....			John A. Perry.....	Philadelphia
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M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland.....	Toronto	South Dakota.....	W. Bro. Wm. E. Milligan.....	Aberdeen	Geo. A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls

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R. W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope.....	Vermont.....
R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton.....	Orillia.....
R. W. Bro. F. A. Copus.....	Newmarket.....
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Chas. A. Nesbitt.....	Richmond.....
Horace W. Tyler.....	Tucoma.....
Geo. S. Laidley.....	Charleston.....
W. W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.....
J. M. Lowndes.....	Casper.....
Agustin Palma, Santiago	
C. F. Bowden.....	San Jose.....
Jose F. Castellanos.....	Havana.....
Gilbert Dane.....	Paris.....
E. A. Osborne.....	Guatemala.....
A. P. Hughes.....	Mexico.....
H. P. Nieuwenburg.....	The Hague.....
O. Muchmann.....	Hansen.....
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ALABAMA

M.W. Bro. Oliver Day Street, Grand Master.

This Grand Master, distinguished in the Craft, is a member of the Bar, was a member of the Republican National Committee and was nominee for Governor of the State in 1922. He is Associate Editor of the Masonic Encyclopedia now being compiled, and is author of "The Symbolism of the Three Degrees" and of many articles published in "The Builder."

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held to conduct the funeral of Past Grand Master Dixon, a custom now almost universal in other Jurisdictions than ours in Canada.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication was held in Montgomery, November 30, 1926. Nine Past Grand Masters added dignity and experience to the transactions. Canada was represented by Ethridge J. Garrison, one of the few Grand Representatives of Canada, who answered the roll call of our sister Jurisdictions.

It goes without saying that the Grand Master's address was scholarly and comprehensive. We make these selections:

Good as these other things are, we should never lose sight of the fact that the chief purpose of Masonry and the chief apology for its existence is to take the living stone in its crude and unpolished state and make of it a stone fit to go into the erection of that house not made with hands. In other words, its chief work is making men.

If I had to venture an opinion as to the most discouraging sign I find, it would not be the increase in murders, highway robberies, bootlegging, or crime in general. It would be the disposition so prevalent and conspicuous everywhere to do the least and poorest work for the most pay. The prevailing watch-word is "Get by." Interest in an employer's business or pride in the quality of one's own work is with a very large and increasing percentage of the people wholly lacking. The idea is do just enough to keep from getting fired. There is constantly increasing clamor for shorter hours and fewer days work, not in order to give more time for self-improvement but more time for idleness and joy-riding, and other frivolities, not to say in many instances for dissipation and vice. The experiences of mankind have crystallized into two aphorisms which

condemn utterly this indolent and shirking spirit. They are "Idleness is the devil's work-shop" and "There is no excellence without great labor." There is nothing in the Bible truer than these sayings. Modern prophets who think differently are not wiser than all the ages of the past. God knew how to keep us out of devilment.

This slovenly, lazy, frivolous, or indifferent spirit just described gets no encouragement from Masonry. Most of its symbols are implements of labor; its very name is a synonym of labor. It says much for the beauty and dignity as well as utility of labor, but no where has a word of approval for idleness or for a disposition to slight one's work. Young man, young brother, at a time when every one else seems bent on pleasure, there could be no more favorable time for you to work.

A lodge petitioning to be relieved of its Grand Lodge dues on account of heavy and unexpected expenses, the application was referred to Grand Lodge with the caution that we should be careful how we should set a precedent of this sort.

Of the obsession that the excellent Masonic Service Association of the United States intends to create out of itself a Supreme Grand Body, the Grand Master well says:

This is another bogey which some have suspected of having hopes of developing into a General Grand Lodge. I believe such suspicion is utterly unfounded.

Brother Viscount Lascelles of London, represents Alabama in England.

As to incompetent lodge secretaries, of whom Alabama seems to have more than its proper share, the Grand Master strongly says in words in some spots applicable to all Jurisdictions:

Much of the correspondence received by me during the year indicates that the only qualifications required by many lodges to be possessed by those chosen as secretary of the lodge are carelessness and incompetency. The ignorance and unfitness of many of these so-called secretaries is truly astonishing. They can neither write, spell, punctuate, nor compose and have not the slightest idea of form.

They may be and no doubt are excellent men and Masons, but this, one of the most important offices in a lodge, should not be committed into the hands of an incompetent brother. I have no doubt the death of many a lodge is traceable to an incompetent and unsuitable secre-

tary Let me impress on the lodges, if possible, that next to the Master and Tiler, the Secretary, is the most vital factor in the prosperity of the lodge

We are glad that Alabama approaches the subject of physical qualifications with a generous and open mind. The G.M. says:

Consent was granted to confer degrees on several maimed persons as shown below In each instance careful inquiry was made to assure myself that the petitioner could fairly comply with the most essential requirements of the ritual and that his maimed condition would not tend to render the petitioner a charge upon the Craft

As to the much discussed religious test and use of the names of the Trinity in prayer or at grace, the G.M. says:

Held that it is improper for the leader of the lodge in prayer to address the prayer of the lodge or its invocations to any other than God or Deity When prayer is addressed to the Deity, surely each suppliant is supposed to be addressing Him according to his own conception and religious belief, and thus there is no sacrifice or surrender of religious conviction on the part of any brother and at the same time the sectarian belief of no brother is injected into the lodge

A Brother moving from Virginia to Alabama retaining membership in one Virginia Lodge, the G.M. rules:

Dual membership being permissible under the Masonic law of many grand jurisdictions, including Virginia, there is nothing inherently wrong or unmasonic in it

Surely it can not be a Masonic offense in Alabama for a brother to do in Virginia a thing that is masonically lawful there and which is not violative of fundamental Masonic principles any where

Here is a useful definition and distinction:

Only where the offense charged involves "moral turpitude" can a brother be tried for it when committed before he was made a Mason The term "moral turpitude" is evidently adopted from the criminal law and there it has a well defined meaning It implies more than "immorality," there must be involved in the offense charged not only immorality but also an element of inherent baseness, villainess, or depravity

Other decisions were as follows:

Dancing It rests within the sound discretion of the lodge whether it will permit the use of its temple for dancing

Politics It is unmasonic to mention in advertisements of political speakings that the speaker is a Mason or an official of Grand Lodge

Our troubles are shared with Alabama in respect of the following:

With rare exceptions, distressed Masons and their families in this State have a just claim on some local lodge of which neither Grand Lodge nor any other Masonic authority can absolve the lodge

A Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Sadie Deerr, addressed the Grand Lodge quoting:

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made
and the things which in common we share.

We want to live on not because of ourselves, but because
of the people who care.

It's giving and doing for somebody else—on that all life's
splendor depends,

And a big joy of this world, when you've summed it all
up, is found in the making of friends.

We again welcome the Foreign Correspondence Review by Bro. Fred Wall.

Albert Pike is coming into his own again and his writings are more and more being referred to in all
Jurisdictions.

Under Arkansas we find:

The Grand Master refers to the heroic figures in Masonry, and in doing so refers to the immortal Albert Pike, and to put it in the language of the Grand Master "whose meteor-like intellect blazed across the skies, untrammelled, kingly and sublime"

Canada receives friendly and fraternal notice, our confrere saying:

Fraternal Correspondence He suggests that a definite limit be set on these reports We regret very much to see the report of Brother Ponton, who writes the review, abbreviated He gathers a great deal of information for the brethren in his jurisdiction

He quotes the whole closing of Grand Master Rowland's fine address, emphasizing the following:

It is only to the extent to which men lift their eyes above the shadows to the light that they are able to give direction and value to their lives and make progress along the road that leads to that

"—far-off divine event

. . To which the whole creation moves "

And he also transcribes our prelude and postlude in full.

Another verse of "After Me Cometh a Builder" is given to our readers:

When I was a King and a Mason,
 A Master, proven and skilled,
 I cleared me ground for a Palace,
 Such as a King should build.
 I decreed and dug down to my levels,
 Presently under the silt,
 I came to the wreck of a palace,
 Such as a King had built

Nothing like the warm welcome of the south and we find under Mississippi this glowing ave:

You're as welcome as the sunshine that drives the clouds
 away
 You're as welcome as the restful night that ends the restless
 day,
 You're as welcome as the dew drops that kiss the flow'rs to
 life,
 You're as welcome as the kindly words that end the bitter
 strife
 You're as welcome as the wife's deep sleep when lodge don't
 close 'til late—
 (The good old, nice old, friendly clock that stops at half
 past eight)
 Then just call up all the welcomes that memory's tho'ts
 will lend
 And they're but half the welcomes we here to you
 extend

Membership 54,538, of whom 1,520 are Ministers.
 Net gain 548.

Frederick J. Skinner of Gananoque, represents Alabama.

ALBERTA

Norman E. Carruthers, M.W. Grand Master.

The Twenty-first Annual Communication was opened in Banff June 9th, 1926. Seven Past Grand Masters graced the East.

Canada was as usual faithfully represented by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

From the fine address of the Grand Master we make these extracts:—

"I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

On this beautiful June morning in this spacious lodge room, under the shadow of the everlasting hills, we lift our hearts in humble and sincere gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings bestowed upon us, as a province and a people, during the past year, and for the privilege of meeting, with ranks unbroken.

Our Grand Lodge has reached its maturity. In 1905, in Calgary, we were duly formed and constituted. Let us for a moment take a retrospective view of these years. By the reports of 1905, we find there were eighteen chartered lodges, with a membership of 1,206. At this date we have 140 chartered lodges and six lodges working under dispensation.

The report of the Grand Secretary on membership shows that on December 12th, 1925, our numbers totalled 12,672.

With all this praiseworthy record, I, as a member of this Grand Lodge since its inception, would be dissatisfied were I not fully convinced that a large percentage of our membership realize more fully as the fleeting years pass by, our real duties to God, our country and to one another.

To the founders of the Jurisdiction who have passed he feelingly pays this tribute:

Those sturdy men, who set up the altar of Masonry in this new country, were prophetic souls. They were men of faith who builded better than they knew, as men of faith always do. They believed in the future in the growth of large things from small beginnings, and in the principles of Masonry as the true foundation of society and the fortress of a free land. They knew that the Masonic lodge is a silent partner of the home, the church and the school, toiling in behalf of law and order, without which neither industry nor art can flourish, and that its benign influence would help to build this Commonwealth in strength, wisdom and beauty.

Therefore, they erected their altar and kindled its flame; and having wrought in faithfulness, they died in the faith, obeying the injunction of the Master Poet who said: "Keep the young generations in hail, bequeath to them no tumbled house."

Time has more than fulfilled their dream, and the facts have outrun their faith. (Newton.)

A regular Library establishment campaign was carried on by himself and the Grand Secretary and of this and of his visitation he says:

We have succeeded in placing libraries or the foundations of such in twenty-four subordinate lodges.

Our trip to the Peace River country was a most enjoyable one. The district meeting was held at Spirit River. There are in this great northland about 300 registered Masons.

I predict wonderful things in the development of this northern land within the next fifteen years.

The books were collected and to make it as impressive as possible, the Grand Secretary conceived the splendid idea of securing a library case, and of having this case and books at each district meeting.

His words of praise of the Grand Secretary are merited:

His knowledge of things Masonic is profound. His judgment is sincere, and the neatness and dispatch with which he carries on the work of the Grand Secretary's office is very gratifying.

The D.D.G.M's of the 15 Districts all reported their contact with the lodges.

Of the D.D.G.M's the Grand Secretary says:

Year by year our District Deputy Grand Masters are assuming a greater measure of responsibility in connection with the district meetings and evincing the wisdom of a six months' probation which Grand Lodge made provision for a few years ago. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these brethren, who at much sacrifice of time and money have travelled so far.

The report on the Condition of Masonry is short and comprehensive. These sentences give its import:

The outstanding features of all fifteen reports may be condensed into three main headings, "Arrears," "Growth", and "Attendance".

Your committee views with some misgiving the fact that little or no improvement has been made in the gross amount of dues outstanding during the last twelve months, the low attendance averages, and with real alarm the great loss in membership by the lodges.

Your Committee believes that the three conditions cited reflect the most important question before Craft Masonry today—the lack of opportunity for service by the individual member.

Too many lodges, particularly in the cities, have concentrated on ritualistic perfection, with disregard of the broader functions of the Craft.

Impressive ritual is of high importance undoubtedly and must be a goal for every lodge, but it affords opportunity for active service to relatively few. The ordinary

member of the lodge becomes tired even of perfect ritual, his attendance falls off and presently he is listed as dormant or suspended for non-payment of dues.

Your committee recommends to the consideration of every lodge some program of Masonic service which will enlist the active co-operation of every brother.

The D.D.G.M's are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master.

The Grievances and Appeals Committee had nothing to do—a fine record for white gloves.

The Committee on Benevolence report:

Last year, the committee mentioned in their report that there were many children on the list of the beneficiaries. Now of the entire number there will be some who have shown ability in one direction or another in their school work. We make the suggestion that where ability is shown, that such a child should be given an opportunity to develop it. As it is, the Benevolence Committee carries them to the point where they can be self-supporting, then its duty ceases. Grand Lodge might well consider the propriety of the inauguration of some system whereby children, who have given evidence of ability, might be able to complete their education.

We find that unemployment has much to do with many of the difficulties that face the unfortunate. Many such cases have been taken care of by the brethren, either individually or through the lodges, and employment has been found, but at best it is haphazard and not always a success. A brother or the widow and children of a brother may often be set on their feet if employment could be found. Employment Bureaus are established in some jurisdictions and have been operated with success.

Of Masonic Research and Education the Committee say and incidentally recommend the issue of a Quarterly Bulletin to the membership:

Clubs are now being organized for the study of the history, philosophy and symbolism of Freemasonry in a number of cities and towns and your committee hope the study side of Freemasonry will soon occupy the prominent place in the minds of our brethren collectively and individually, which its importance merits.

R.W. Bro. A. J. Young represents Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Selwood is responsible for the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. He is happy and grateful to be aided by several well-known brethren who have co-operated with him.

Arizona gives them some good suggestions:

Hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Every lodge should have an educational program under way in some manner.

How to go about it is indeed the problem, but Grand Master seems to favor trained speakers as a good medium.

His comment on organizations which hang the "Masonic" tag on their title is caustic.

British Columbia has adopted this ruling:

That a penalty of \$1.00 be imposed for every day a lodge may be delinquent, in filing its annual returns with the Grand Secretary.

California says the evil of running into numbers by reason of which members of lodges cannot possibly "know one another" is an all important factor.

The smaller lodge of California is a thing of comfort and a joy forever. It affords the largest opportunity for and the greatest promise of future Masonic strength; it facilitates acquaintance, friendship, brotherly love; it gives opportunity for most of its members to engage in its activities, and thus encourages a greater proportion of attendance. The large lodges have become, because of their size and nature, centralized.

Under Canada Bro. Taylor summarizes the good work done for the year reviewed, commends R.W. Bro. Nixon for his faithful service and quotes largely from M.W. Bro. Drope, emphasizing this sentence:—

And now may I attempt a word of warning? There are things which even Grand Lodge cannot do, and I am afraid that there is a growing tendency on the part of private lodges to pass on to Grand Lodge obligations which they can and should discharge.

He speaks also of our condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan and dissassociation of the Craft therefrom. He kindly speaks of this reviewer as wielding a virile and versatile pen.

England is well reviewed by Bro. Taylor and we find the following interesting extracts:

One cannot help but admire the careful and deliberate consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, before they are adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Board reported a further donation of Danish

Jewels from the Museum of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. This gift now makes complete the collection of Lodge Jewels worn by all the Danish and Icelandic lodges.

Even a small contribution means a very great sacrifice. These jewels therefore are not meant to mark out those who have had the means to give generously and largely. They are intended to commemorate the names of those lodges which will have played a large part in the foundations of this great new Temple on which we are building so many of our hopes for the whole future of English Freemasonry and indeed of Freemasonry throughout the world.

From Massachusetts he draws these comments:

He also dealt with the semi-Masonic organizations of which so many are arising and to some extent distracting from the ordinary Masonic affiliations, the members of Craft lodges.

G.M. Ferrell cites as the outstanding events of the year, the institution of two new lodges, viz: Pagoda Lodge of Mukden, Manchuria, and Delta of China Lodge, Canton.

We warmly felicitate our Brethren of Alberta on attaining their majority and in meeting in the picturesque and salubrious surroundings of Banff, known the world over.

ARIZONA

M.W. Brother C. H. Colman, Grand Master.

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication was held in Tucson, 9th February, 1926.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters brought their experience and wisdom to the East.

Canada was represented by one of them, M.W. Louis G. Moyers.

In his address the Grand Master said:

It is needless to say that Masonry is advancing with rapid strides in this State and what we may lack in quantity we supply in quality, in keeping with the time-honored traditions of our institution.

Many gems of thought were expressed during the after-dinner speaking.

In keeping with an established custom I was duly presented with a book of the Holy Writings by Doric Lodge.

I never realized the magnitude of our jurisdiction and its beauties and possibilities until I had completed my visitations

and was so impressed with it all, that we fail to appreciate the opportunities which our wonderful state offers, both commercially and socially.

My visitations have left a lasting impression of the importance and necessity of fraternizing more with our brethren, for we fail to realize the friendships that can be thus formed and the benefits to be derived from closer association and knowledge of our fellow man.

Kaibab Lodge made their annual pilgrimage to the great Forest north of the Grand Canyon with their Utah Brethren:

Among his decisions are the following:

Having satisfied yourself by Certificate from Texas that applicant is an entered apprentice Mason, he should apply for the remaining two degrees upon payment of two-thirds of Initiation fee plus \$10.00 for Masonic Home Endowment Fund. His application must take the usual course of an original applicant for the three degrees and if acted upon favorably the remaining degrees can be conferred upon him and he will become a member of Verde Lodge.

I wish to state that in case an applicant is rejected that all fees of whatever character must be returned.

Grand Lodge suffered from the failure of the Prescott Bank thus referred to:

The funds of the Grand Lodge now impounded in the Prescott bank are of such a character, that a very careful consideration of their trust character should be made before any claim is filed with the Superintendent of Banks. If it is possible to classify these funds with those of preferred creditors every effort should be made to salvage as much as possible from these deposits.

Membership 5,901. Gain 213.

W. Bro. James R. Malott delivered the oration on "Modern Masonry" from which we make the following interesting extracts:

Each individual Mason is free to hold his own conception of Masonry and to interpret it to the best of his ability. The field covered by our ritualistic teachings is so broad that the individual interpretations of Masonry depend largely upon the particular field of thought in which the students interested. To those who are primarily interested in religion, Masonry makes its deepest impression as a religious organization; to those who are interested in morality and ethics, the moral teachings of Masonry are of the greatest importance; to those who are interested in the practical welfare of mankind, the teachings of our fraternity with reference to the relations between men carry the deepest appeal.

"Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth and practices the sacred duties of Morality."

Today the Modernist, the Fundamentalist, the Gentile, the Jew and the Mohammedan can gather in our lodge rooms, each knowing full well, that his right to worship his God in his own way will never be impugned by a brother.

"In human affairs, the justice of God must work by human means. Men are the instruments of God's justice; and every Mason who, content to do that which is possible and practicable, does and enforces justice, may help deepen the channel of human morality in which God's justice runs."

That, to me, is the explanation for the practice of morality by the craft—a means to an end—and the end or aim of our fraternity is to help bring about on earth God's justice among men by working through men and with men.

"Truth is the summit of being; Justice is the application of it to affairs."

God's justice is truth, the great ideal of Masonry.

Russia and Italy seem far away to us, yet in Russia, Italy, Tennessee and Oregon, we find one point in common. That common element is the attempt to force the opinions, political or religious, of one group of the citizens upon a whole people by law.

Masonry has always stood for the protection of the individual against the encroachments of governments and factions. It has never sought to use the law "as a scheme for social control," but has elected to work through the individual.

M.W. Bro. Grand Master Dworak of Mexico addressed the Brethren in Spanish at great length, saying:

I firmly believe that we are under a holy obligation to carry on our struggle and secure the confraternization of all Masons scattered all over North America, Central America and South America.

It is absolutely imperative for us to form a solid bloc, and everything we do with this end in view, will certainly mean a promise of triumph directed towards the International Solidarity in the American Continent, and the Intercontinental Solidarity will surely follow the trail afterwards.

We are all well aware that we, as individuals only represent a very few links of the great universal chain which constitutes the Masonic family; we are nothing but simple soldiers of the Masonic army; our activities involve a very small portion of the titanic efforts put forth by our brethren in the field where reason and virtue struggle against darkness and ignorance (which seriously interfere with the mental development of the masses), and also against the passions which unfortunately weigh the human heart down.

The following selections from the Report of R.W. Bro. Bledsoe, a physician (afterwards elected Grand Master) on the Sanatorium, throws some new light upon the great problem of Tubercular treatment which confronts many of the Grand Jurisdictions.

From time immemorial people have believed in the efficacy of climate as a curative agent, a simple faith perhaps born of a hope that the atmosphere of some clime or region possesses some subtle influence to heal the dread distemper.

A short time ago, we physicians well remember how every case of tuberculosis, curable and incurable, was advised to seek a change of climate. However, though a great deal is attributable to climate in affecting a cure, other agents are also important—such as good food, a contented mind, absolute rest and medical attention and direction. One expert states that it is his opinion that purity of air is the most important factor in all good climates.

Climate, as defined by medical men, is the sum total of the atmospheric conditions which increase or decrease the physiological functions of the body. The invalid seeks a place where it is cool in summer and warm in winter. One does not look in the gloom of the forest for pure air; nor in the slums of the city, but on the open hilltops in the sunlight.

After years of observation, we are convinced that all things being equal, the climate or region best suited for the greatest number of tubercular patients is where there is an abundance of sunshine, a moderate elevation, equable temperature—not too hot or too cold—an absence of humidity, and purity of air.

These qualities we believe are found at Oracle, Arizona.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a long report upon Mexico, recognizing the Pacific Grand Lodge, and saying generally:

It is well to remember in this connection that the various Mexican Masonic Grand Lodges have all more or less had their season of travail; that new ones have been formed from time to time in the years gone by, sometimes in what appears to have been a regular manner, and sometimes as a result of friction, misunderstandings, or personal ambition. Our brethren to the south of us, too, have the inherent characteristics of a very different people from ourselves, and of course they do not approach, nor can they be expected to do so, these matters with the same mental attitude that we Americans do.

From the history of the Grand Lodge of Arizona we learn:

In 1882 Arizona was in truth still somewhat wild and woolly.

So well indeed have these writers of western stories played up this "atmosphere" that hundreds of thousands, yea, per-

haps millions of people dwelling in the eastern portion of even our own United States, still harbor the delusion that Arizona even to-day, is a sort of six shooter community where every man is a law unto himself and carries the "statutes" in his hip pocket, and Indians are still on the warpath.

If some of these good eastern friends of ours would take the trouble, for instance, to look up the national rating of the public school system of our state they would find that Arizona ranks first among all the states in the character of her new modern school buildings, excellence of equipment, quality of instruction and strength of teaching force; they would find that we have spent many millions of dollars in the past ten years to bring our public school system to the very top, the highest standard in America, and the world.

R.W. Bro. Fred Symes represents Arizona in Canada.

In the transactions in the Past Grand Masters' Association we read:

No one ever did a good deed without feeling better for it and thus no one ever participated in the good work of this organization without growing to love the work of the organization which does the work.

ARKANSAS

Claude L. Hill, M.W. Grand Master.

Six Emergent Communications were held for the purpose of laying cornerstones of churches and schools.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Albert Pike Memorial Temple, Little Rock, 16th November, 1926.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were honored by and honored Grand Lodge.

Canada was represented by Bro. A. J. Russell

To show the cosmopolitan nature of the recognition of sister Grand Jurisdictions by Arkansas we note that the following Grand Jurisdictions had their Grand Representatives present at the altar: Argentina, Chili, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Grand Lodge of France, Panama, Porto Rico, Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Jugo Slavia.

The funeral honors were given in memory of deceased Past Grand Masters.

The address of the Grand Master is certainly in some respects a peculiar document. His introduction is graphic:

Brethren: Another twelve months has leaped through the golden girdle of time, since you honored me with the exalted position of Grand Master.

I to-day recite to you a concise record of my official acts as your executor of the last twelve months, "the mutating finger of time has been busily engaged writing upon its perpetual and unfolding canvass, the history of both men and nations, it has disclosed the fact, nationally speaking, that we are at peace with all the world, and we, believe that the greatest victory ever achieved by man or nation is the victory of peace on earth and good will to men."

He says that after the death of his wife, the account of which is rather poignantly personal, he was called to the evangelistic field in Arkansas, where he has spent most of the year in that work and he certainly lived up to it in his address. Of ideals he says:

An ideal is no such unsubstantial or vanishing quality, an ideal embodies the highest good consistent with the practical possibility of achievement; an ideal refuses to build upon the sinking sand of materialism, rejects matter as the ultimate ground of reality, declines to worship the golden calf, and puts no trust in the things that perish. An ideal pleads not for quantity, not bulk, but value; not matter, but mind; not the immediate, but the eternal; not the symbol, but the thing symbolized; not the machine, but the power that runs it.

He then singles out three representative Arkansas Masons and says that "we might christen them the fraternal trinity of Arkansas" as representing these ideals. We can only quote the characterization of one who is known throughout the Masonic world.

When he was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, the angels named him Fay Hempstead and began to sing their fraternal anthems at the window of his soul. He caught the inspiration from their song, seized the pen of opportunity and began to write, and to-day he bears the title of Poet Laureate of Free Masonry.

He has several pages on intemperance couched in what we think to be somewhat intemperate language, though he has no doubt written according to his convictions—or his light.

But if we fail to keep our obligation in this regard and God's judgment shall overtake us because of our lack of fidelity to the prohibition cause and we shall ask him why of this judgment He would doubtless say: "Because you have made a covenant with death and with hell are you at agreement."

Babylon, the great metropolis of the world in her day, was built upon blood, she was full of intemperance.

Their royal garments were rolled in blood from the banquet hall to hell.

It is the lifeblood of the gambler, the element of the burglar; it cocks the highwayman's pistol and supports the midnight raid in the slums.

It countenances the liar, respects the thief, and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences fraud, honors infamy, defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence.

It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to murder his wife and causes the child to grind the suicidal ax. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life and curses God and heaven.

Unsatisfied with its havoc, it kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputations, wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin.

Having got that off his heaving chest; thereafter to a scene of peace where he visited the Orphans' Home at Batesville. The Home is equipped with such things as it takes to make home comfortable and worth while.

There is also the Children's Building at the Tuberculosis Sanatorium built by Masons at a cost of \$60,000 and already must be enlarged. It is a haven of rest and hope.

The Superintendent of the Home and School reports:

"Labor with what zeal you will
Something yet remains undone,
Something uncompleted still
Awaits the setting sun."

While we have tried hard to bring our work to the front, we realize that many stones have been left unturned.

The Order of the Eastern Star then in session IN ANOTHER PART OF THE BUILDING were invited to Grand Lodge to hear the address by Grand Orator Smith, who among other good things said:

What kind of a corporation is this whose annual meeting we now attend? It is a corporation of builders. "Of builders?" you will say. Exactly that; this institution we call Freemasonry is just as much a corporation of builders now as it was over five hundred years ago when the "Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters and Paviers" was incorporated in the year 1411, in the city of Durham in England.

In all essentials we of these speculative days follow the example of our operative brother of the long ago; just as he built his temple by taking rough stones fresh from the quarries, preparing them according to a preconceived plan or design, and fitting each for its part in the building, so we build temples of character by taking our "uninformed ash-lars" and by careful instruction, by precept and by example, fitting them to be living stones in our symbolic temple of Masonry.

Our corporation, then, invests its capital in raw material by taking a stock of manhood, to which it adds to labor of earnest effort in presenting the sublime principles of our institution, and the dividends we hope to see accrue are the bettered lives, the improved individualities of these our brethren.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence Review but there is a report from Bro. Little on Foreign Correspondence in which he gives some interesting information obtained from a veteran Mason, a resident of Mexico for thirty years. It rather sheds a new light from a new angle upon the situation but does not enable us to pass final judgment. There are usually two sides.

In his opinion, the present religious situation in Mexico was precipitated and made more acute because of the publication of pastoral letters sent out by foreign Catholic priests, in which they attacked a number of laws of the Mexican constitution. These letters were in defiance of the attempt of the Mexican government to put in force certain provisions of their code of laws, which had become a part of their constitution as far back as 1867.

The present president had nothing to do with the making of these laws, but the enforcement of laws and the actual constitution of the country which President Calles is sworn to defend.

Under the Mexican constitution, all religious sects have the same right of worshiping freely within premises dedicated for religious worship, worship in a public procession of a religious nature is prohibited, also the latest provision of the constitution prohibits the exercise as pastor or

priest, on the part of any foreigner, this has resulted in the expulsion of several hundred Spanish priests from Mexico.

The boycotts sent out by the heads of the Catholic churches, are being distributed generally among the poor class; one of them reads thus: "Practice all means to paralyze the economic life of Mexico, take your money from the banks and the national pawnshops. Boycot the government banks of Mexico, do not use the telegraph or the mail to send funds, use the cable, refuse to pay rent, light and telephone bills and stop all classes of payments until this brings serious danger. Do not buy wine, candy, cakes or clothes, and be sure do not treat with the Masons, we must show our strength."

Arkansas is represented with us by R.W. Bro. J. C. Hegler of Ingersoll. Bro. M. E. Bradford is entered in the list as the Grand Representative of Canada, though another appeared for him.

Membership 34,821. Total number of lodges 529.

Accumulative digest of edicts closes the volume. One or two indicate that they still regard physical qualifications as a land mark in Arkansas and this decision is one illustration:

Loss of thumb on right hand disqualifies a candidate.

Collective balloting is declared illegal.

Brethren, how do you pronounce Arkansas?

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hon. Alex. M. Manson, K.C., M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Victoria, 17th June, 1926.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters brought the mellow experience of their past to share with the progress of the present.

The Grand Representative of Canada did not appear.

M.W. Bro. H. H. Watson was presented with his Jewel as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and in his acknowledgement said among other good things which will appeal to more than Highland hearts:

When Scotland and England granted the first Warrants here, there is no doubt that the motive that actuated them was the thought that though far distant we were under the same Flag; they knew from large experience that the hardy pioneers

of British stock were men of courage, of honour; men in whose hands the reputation the Constitutions and the Land Marks might safely be left, and so it turned out.

I am looking into the faces of friends—friends who rejoice with me and bless the day that Scotland issued Warrants to found another Grand Lodge on the shores of the Pacific.

We have not this year read a more analytical, appealing and striking address than that of Grand Master Manson, who is both lawyer, philosopher and public man. Space only permits these selections and we feel sure that our readers will agree with our judgment.

No place could provide a more charming setting for our gathering and the hospitality of our Victorian Brethren cannot be excelled.

In mingling with the brethren throughout the Jurisdiction there has been driven home to me that, very deep in the heart of our Institution, a powerful magnet draws the children of the Craft with an almost irresistible force throughout the span of life.

But it is not for us to boast of the ancient and honourable character of our Institution unless we can say with truth that Freemasonry today as we live it and know it is honourable and worthy of the lineage from which it is sprung. It will not do for us to rattle the dry bones of a departed day. It is for us to see to it that Freemasonry of our time is of consequence. One has no respect for the loose and idle son who boasts his blood. We rather feel that he should blush for shame at his unworthiness. By worthy life and worthy life alone can one justify a boast of noble forbears. And so with us as Freemasons.

It may be a handmaid to the Church—if you will—an excellent handmaid, but it is not a creed nor is the lodge a substitute for the Church. Freemasonry should not countenance the flying of false colors. It is indeed a beautiful system of morals veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols—hidden away in the heart of its teachings and tenets there is a something which draws the brethren to it. What is that something? Let us search, and in searching for our Holy Grail let me, consider some aspects of our gatherings.

No other committee appointed by the lodge has so important a duty as the Committee of Enquiry. Into its hands is given the duty of protecting the lodge and the whole Fraternity. What is it to seek—perfection? No, not that. That were useless. What then? Simply this, to ascertain whether it can find in the heart of the stranger good character and in his mind a willingness to have his character moulded to richer, better things. The stranger must come under the tongue of good report. It will not do for the committee to report to the lodge that it can find nothing against the stranger. This is a day of gambling, a day of taking chances, but this is no

place to take a chance. With pains and diligence the committee must search as far afield as occasion may require to learn the truth. Only when it has searched in most diligent and faithful fashion can it come to the lodge with the report which to the lodge is due. And withall the committee must be fair to the stranger, must remember that he is formed of just the same clay as we, subject to all the human frailties and with a heart just as susceptible of wounding as is ours. There must be fairness, but if there is doubt then clearly the benefit of the doubt must be given to the lodge. The stranger may rap again at a later date.

The stranger having become one of us, let us for a moment consider again the Freemasonry which we live. Is it a Freemasonry of the lodge room, something that we take off as a garment and leave with the Tyler when the lodge is closed—something just for tonight and again of a night two weeks or a month from now? If so, then Freemasonry is an hypocrisy and a humbug, the grossest waste of time. If it is something just by way of social contact, then why all the frills and frumpery? There are countless places for social contact and social contact has its place even in our Fraternity. But it is not the heart of the matter.

There are not two codes of morality in Freemasonry. There is but one. Fair dealing, square conduct should be the code of Freemasons towards all mankind.

Robbie prayed a noble prayer—an interpretation of the richest silken thread the Master weaves into the fabric of the stranger's heart—for the day when "Man to Man the world o'er might brithers be." Brethren, this is Freemasonry—that we may so conduct ourselves as to live not to ourselves alone but to all mankind—ever thoughtful, ever kind, doing noble deeds as we pass by. To-day the stress is on material things, the pursuit of individual happiness, the bank account, the bonds, the certificates of title. These are the things we stress. But not they—not "getting" counts but "giving". "Getting" has its place but "giving" is the joy of life.

Freemasonry is a wonderful, wonderful thing—it has a great call and rare opportunity. Let our Freemasonry not be of the lodge room alone, but let it be of to-day and of to-morrow, even to the setting of the sun.

Membership 13,968. Gain 575.

Fifteen District Deputy Grand Masters presented full and well arranged reports.

Grand Historian William Burns submitted his annual report and the Proceedings are adorned with photographs of the Masonic meeting places of Victoria.

The Benevolent Committee thus conclude the record of their good year's work:

Your Board sincerely hopes that the enthusiasm of the year just closed may not be allowed to wane until the claim of the Fund has been brought home to every individual Brother in the Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. D. W. Sutherland is the new Grand Master.

British Columbia is represented with us by R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, K.C., the former reviewer of Grand Lodge.

Canada is represented by W. Bro. J. R. Seymour of Vancouver.

The Correspondence Review is by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith, who writes one of those breezy, original, direct reports which compel admiration, even though there may not be universal agreement with his comments and conclusions.

To show his out-spokenness, read part of his comment on California:

Among the "Curiosities of (Masonic) Literature" may fairly be included a resolution introduced at the Annual Communication now under review. Whether it was introduced seriously or as a relief to the pent-up feelings of some Brother who admired the sound of his own voice we cannot say but this remarkable document starts off with the assertion that "the members of the Masonic Fraternity, ever since the days of George Washington, have always been loyal supporters of the Constitution as well as in favour of the enforcement of law," and concludes with a clause providing for the expulsion of a brother who may have been convicted "in any court of competent jurisdiction" of an infraction of the State or Federal prohibition laws. The resolution also proposed to commit Grand Lodge to a declaration of its "allegiance to the Constitution. . . and particularly to that part of it which has to do with the prohibition of the sale and traffic in intoxicating liquor."

Luckily the committee to which it was referred (and the Grand Lodge) did not take the resolution seriously. The idea that a civil court, composed possibly entirely of non-masons, may expell a brother from his lodge is abhorrent to anyone who has an elementary knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence.

Oklahoma also gives him an opportunity, and incidentally of two allusions to Canada:

His Lordship, the Bishop of Washington, (D.C.) is apparently circularizing the Grand Lodges of the United States in connection with his scheme for the ornamentation of his Cathedral—the suggestion being, as we have noted in another

review, to set up in the Cathedral a statue of George Washington, "which might be a symbol of the gift made by Masons to America."

"Would it not be well for us, as Masons," the Grand Master asked, "to go on record as opposed to the participation, in any manner, of Masons, or those wishing to become Masons, in any act which constitutes a violation of the State or national prohibition laws."

Would it not also be well if the Grand Lodge went on record as opposed to burglary, incendiarism and murder? Perhaps this will come later; but for the present the Grand Master would like to see the Grand Lodge take this stand.

Apropos of patriotism and production:

We do not know just what this demonstrates, unless it is that large families are not confined to the Province of Quebec.

Following California, the next review is headed

"Canada, Providence of Ontario," which we would like Brother Humphry to explain.

Our own Grand Jurisdiction is reviewed under the title of Ontario and of us our confrere says:

A pleasing incident of the earlier moments of the Communication was the presentation to Grand Lodge of Brother Adam Brown, the most prominent citizen of Hamilton, and then within sight of his one hundredth birthday.

The Address refers to the growth of the work of the Board of Benevolence during the past twenty-five years—a growth which has necessitated the appointment of a permanent official who devotes all his time to the work; it being part of his duties to exercise a general supervision over the grants for benevolence and to see, "as far as can be done, that where assistance is required, assistance shall be given, in the most effective manner, and so as to produce the most results."

The Grand Master well said that the obligation to extend relief rests upon the individual Brother; it is not a part of the duty of a lodge, nor of a Grand Lodge.

Another matter touched upon in the Address is "Masonic Offences," and examples of the laxity referred to may be found even in British Columbia.

He analyzes carefully our Proceedings and kindly says that our review is full of interest and information.

We commend our readers to a perusal of the Proceedings of our sister British Columbia. She will not recognize us as "Mother".

CALIFORNIA

We regret that at the time of the closing of this Report we have not yet received the Proceedings of California but the Transactions of this great Pacific State are referred to so frequently in other Jurisdictions from which we have quoted that a very fair idea of their manifold activities may be gathered by all who read this Review.

COLORADO

M.W. Brother Frank G. Mirick, Grand Master.

No less than fourteen Special Communications were held by this active Grand Lodge, including the Masonic Burials of two Past Grand Masters, a worthy custom which prevails throughout the United States.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Denver, September 21, 1926. Colorado lived up to its splendid record in the faithful attendance of Past Grand Masters, nineteen of whom were greeted in the Grand East.

Three pages are taken up with the roll of deceased Grand Masters, which is called at every meeting by the Grand Secretary.

Canada's Grand Representative did not appear.

From the Grand Master's address we take these pregnant sentences:

Life is energy. We feel ourselves only in doing, and when we inquire what a man's value is, we ask what is his performance. The deed is that proof of faith, the test of character, and the standard of worth.

We are here to declare by calm, dispassionate judgment and after careful consideration, that which shall best promote the interests of our Craft for the year to come.

Since last we met, the mandate from on high has visited us, and borne the immortal spirits of some of our beloved brethren to the shores of the Great Beyond.

Most Worshipful Brother Ernest LeNeve Foster, was learned in the higher study of the symbolism and significance of Masonic philosophy. He was a great lover of all things beautiful in nature or in art. His nature was so abundantly philanthropic that his charities were only compassed by his means, and yet so unobtrusively did he perform good deeds, that even those who knew him best, knew not the extent of his giving. His name has been written, "Not upon granite, but upon the hearts of men."

Among his decisions of interest are the following:

Can a lodge pass a resolution and make public, condemning a daily newspaper and its editors, for publishing an article reflecting upon the character of one of its members?

I held that the lodge could take no such action.

Is a member entitled to a dimit who has failed to pass his examination in the lecture of the Master Mason Degree?

I held that he was not, until he had satisfied his dimitting lodge, as having complied with the constitutional requirement.

Is it permissible to hold and conduct a funeral of a brother from a Masonic lodge room while lodge is open and profanes in attendance, the lodge being at ease?

I held that funerals cannot be held from a lodge room.

I received requests from several of our sister Grand Jurisdictions—six in number—to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree through courtesy. These requests were all refused.

The Grand High Priest of Colorado co-operates with the Grand Master and visited lodges for him in the north western part of the State.

Of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada he says:

This is an international organization, and one of great importance to the Masonic fraternity, and we should feel proud that they have chosen Denver, Colorado, for their next meeting.

Two bequests of \$1,000 and \$2,000 respectively for the Masonic Home are acknowledged.

Of Masonic Clubs the Grand Master says:

It seems to be all the rage, especially in the large populated centers, to organize clubs, some of them with grotesque names, limiting their membership to Masons only. These clubs are being organized, no doubt, with good intent, but in most cases are making violent departures from Masonic standards and usages for their amusement and pleasure, such as giving public dances and selling tickets therefor, holding picnics on Sunday, requesting permission to exemplify degrees in their club rooms for practice. The action of these clubs on the public mind is associated with Free Masonry, and blurs the vision of our ideals.

A Park called University Ranch consisting of 625 acres was donated free of encumbrance for the benefit of the Masonic Home and Orphanage.

The Grand Master notes the appointment of Bro. Stanley C. Warner (formerly of the Bay of Quinte District) as Grand Representative of Canada.

We are delighted to find his opinion in regard to the modification of physical qualifications thus expressed.

Masonry, as we now practice it, is speculative, and by its symbols, teaches the philosophy of right living. I believe that a modification of this Section, in this respect, at least, to meet like cases as above cited, will be doing no violence to the landmarks of Masonry.

A fine reception was given to M.W. Bro. Withrow who had been Grand Master in 1866 and the veteran made a fitting response.

Membership 32,126. Net gain 967. The membership in 1861 was 67.

A Brother having denied that he had previously applied for the Degrees in Masonry when in fact he had, but under a different name, such application having been rejected, the lodge found him guilty of un-Masonic conduct and imposed punishment of reprimand. Grand Lodge thought the punishment entirely inadequate and imposed expulsion.

Grand Orator Mitchell delivered an oration on the Brotherhood of Man and makes many appropriate citations from the "Great Light". Among them the following:

Under the Mosaic law:

"If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth."

And

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord."—(Never be afraid of the security, it is always good and the loan will be repaid with interest).

And what says St. John, the Evangelist.

"Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him."

The following verses are also used by him as well as the entire text of the well known Abou Ben Adhem—with a Scottish touch added:

To dry the orphan's tear,
And soothe the heart nigh broken,
To breathe in sorrow's ear
Kind words in Kindness spoken,
This is the Mason's part,
The Mason's bounden duty,
This rears the Mason's heart
In wisdom, strength and beauty.

Or by the following sweet story of his Native Scotland as told by Ian MacLaren, "that while sauntering along a country lane one hot afternoon he met a bonnie wee lass all humped up and red, and puffing with the weight of a chubby laddie she was carrying. "Isn't he too heavy for you?" asked the dominie. "He's not hivvy, sir," came the reply, with a smile of loving pride, "he's ma brither."

Close knit the warm fraternal tie
That makes the whole world one;
Our discords change to harmony
Like Angel songs begun:
At last, upon that brighter shore
Complete Thy glorious plan,
And heaven shall crown for evermore
The Brotherhood of Man.

The Committee appointed to design an apron for Past Grand Master says of the English apron:

This would appear to be rather ornate, while the keynote of Colorado regalia is simplicity.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Committee reported:

Fitzsimons General Hospital, located on the outskirts of Denver, is credited with being the largest hospital in the world for the treatment of tuberculosis and is classed as the largest of all United States Government Hospitals.

The Committee on Appeals found a Brother who had been acquitted by his Lodge, guilty of 2 of the charges preferred and recommended:

That the judgment of said lodge as to Specifications One and Four be reversed and set aside and for naught held, and that the accused be declared and adjudged guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and that he be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the period of one year.

However on a motion to adopt the report of the Committee it was lost.

Grand Master-elect Reinhard said and quoted with effect:

If I were asked to sum up in one word the outstanding characteristic of this Grand Lodge, I should use the word "Steadfast." This Grand Lodge has never wandered into strange paths, nor forsaken the landmarks which the fathers set up.

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace "

Andrew H. Dalziel of Windsor, represents Colorado.

The review of Proceedings is by Bro. Stanley C. Warner. Under Canada he speaks of the Grand Master's address, and growth in numbers and says:

Speaking of the growing tendency on the part of private lodges to pass on to the Grand Lodge obligations which they could and should discharge, the Grand Master said, with the approval of Grand Lodge

He then cites the paragraph.

He also reproduces part of the address of welcome from Hamilton Districts.

He gives England a splendid review and extracts this interesting information with regard to the new Peace Memorial Temple:

The new building will contain a large Temple with seating capacity for 2,000 persons, Administration Offices, accommodations for the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Officers, a Suite of Large Rooms for the use of London, Provincial, District and other Visitors, a Library and a Museum, not fewer than 15 Lodge and Chapter Rooms, varying in size from a room to hold 600 for meetings of Grand Chapter, and the Great Masonic Assemblies, and Rooms for large lodges with attendances of from 150 to 400, to small rooms suitable for attendances of 30 to 50, and Storerooms adjacent to each lodge room.

Under Iowa and the Black Ball he finds this nugget for us:

When the members of a lodge permit differences of opinion to come within the lodgeroom—whether those differences relate to religion, politics, business, evolution, the Einstein theory of relativity, or some external organization—just so sure will peace and harmony depart, and without these virtues Masonry becomes as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal" Only those subjects upon which all good men may agree should be brought within our walls

And under Prince Edward Island he finds this gem:

"The Yield of the Years" was the theme of the exceptionally able and eloquent sermon preached by Rev Canon Shatford, of Quebec, who spoke of Masonry as "more than fifty years old—Nay, it began with the creation of the world, 'When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy' "

CONNECTICUT

M.W. Brother Walter T. Arnold, Grand Master.

After several emergent meetings the One hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Hartford, February 3, 1926.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters rallied loyally to the support of the Grand Master.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

From the introduction to the Grand Master's address we make this selection:

The welfare of the Fraternity, our service to God, our country, and our neighbor, and that Masonry should be a guard against vice and all unlawful acts in the community of its existence, have been foremost in thought and service.

The swiftly moving progress of time brings a longing and fruitless desire for the friendships and emotions of the past.

The Deputy Grand Master, well known to us in the Royal Arch, Arthur N. Nash reported fully on the great Conference of Grand Masters held in Chicago, saying after summarizing the Proceedings:

This is the third of these meetings of Grand Masters that I have attended, and I think that the spirit shown and the ground-work that was laid at this meeting, amounts to more than all the others combined and that the need of these meetings called annually or even oftener if necessary is fully shown.

Of the District Deputies the G.M. says:

"He who serves his brother best
Gets nearer God than all the rest."

He enthusiastically supports "The Master Mason" and the Masonic Service Association.

Of the co-operation of the Order of the Eastern Star he has nothing but praise, saying of their good work in connection with the new Masonic Home:

From time to time abundance of bedding, linen, clothing, furniture and supplies are sent to the hospital by the chapters,

all having taken an active part in the work. Our storage shelves are kept filled with choice home-made jellies and preserves. This kind of support and assistance has no unit of measure.

Our new building, which was occupied in part this week and is known as the Eastern Star Hospital of the Masonic Home, bears a living testimony of the generosity and help the Order is giving the Masonic Fraternity. The entire building, including 100 beds for patients and twenty-rooms for nurses, has been fully furnished by the Eastern Star.

Among his sound observations is the following:

During the year much attention has been required in matters caused by apparent laxity by investigating committees. We recommend a standard form for investigating committees and among other requirements it contain compulsory investigating of candidates' home life, physical qualifications, residence—legal or intentional.

Membership 44,181. Net gain 1,242.

\$500 was granted to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association with headquarters in New Mexico.

Roll call was as usual, held at the **close** of Grand Lodge and only three delinquents were found absent.

R.W. Bro. George H. Smith of Toronto, one of the fine standard bearers of the Craft, represents Connecticut, and R.W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin represents Canada.

The Correspondence Review is again in the able and experienced hands of our old friend, George H. Kies, Grand Secretary. He calls a spade a spade and is out-spoken.

Under Louisiana we find:

Among his recommendations, he urged that the English language should be made compulsory in Masonic work, etc. As this would seriously affect a number of French Lodges of the Scottish Rite, action was postponed to next annual.

Mississippi gives him opportunity for the following comment:

Under Virginia, his views on the O.E.S., precluded by a comment on Bro. Eggleston's disapproval of Mississippi's reception of the Grand Matron in Grand Lodge and especially of printing her speech, are similar to our own.

Oklahoma gives us plenty of food for thought, our confrere saying:

Again Thomas C. Humphrey writes the correspondence report. Pages of rugged and generally sound matter, seasoned with bits of wit and humor, just what you might expect from his firm and distinctive face, as shown in his published portrait.

So we will look on and see what strides the Masonic International Association makes, and I make a motion that all Foreign Correspondents be sent to Europe at the expense of the Grand Lodges to investigate the propositions, with authority to draw on the Treasurer that has the most money in advance, so they will have the spondulicks to start with.

Under Texas, on the old custom of having an annual oration in Grand Lodge:

These long winded orations, although well worded, become tiresome reading or hearing, and remind the writer of reading a question put to a Sunday School class, which was as follows: The Teacher said, "Children can any of you tell why David said he had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than any other thing?" One member of the class said, "Teacher, I know, because he could get out during the sermon."

He does not entirely approve of the decisions of the G.M. of Texas, saying:

Another declares that a candidate having a strain of Negro blood is ineligible. This differs from Conn.

These two, while absolutely correct, are somewhat unusual.

Held that seduction is a Masonic offense and is not restricted to the relatives of Masons, in its interpretation.

"Keeping or cohabiting with a lewd woman" is listed as a Masonic offense and should cover the case you give.

Of Canada he writes thus:

The G.M., Bro. Drope, was absent because of ill health and his address was read. He notes a frequent unwillingness of Lodges to mete out discipline to offenders against the moral and Masonic law, and correctly warns that hesitation to purge the Fraternity of those who dishonor themselves and the Craft, will cause Masonry to forfeit the position it now holds.

After noting the enormous increase in calls for benevolence, he wisely enunciates his opinions.

Nominations preceded the election of officers. And yet one prominent Conn. Mason years ago solemnly declared: "Nominations are un-Masonic" and Grand Lodge endorsed. While nominations may not always be desirable, we personally do not admit that they are "un-Masonic".

Again, William N. Ponton, who has on several occasions been a welcome visitor to Conn. Grand Bodies, submits the Correspondence report.

He notes that in China, at a lodge consecration, besides corn, wine and oil, salt is scattered upon the lodge as an emblem of hospitality. This is followed by burning of incense.

His conclusion is interesting and instructive:

There is a growing sentiment among the Fraternity that our Grand Lodges have indulged in over-legislation and, as a result, that some of their regulations have become dead letters, as to certain jurisdictions and doctrines:

Grand Lodges refused to recognize them because of their laxity as regards belief in a Supreme Being. The latter is termed "a philosophical dogma," and "the most obscure, the most complicated and the most fearful philosophical problem which has ever exercised the human brain from the day when it first began to reason and to reflect."

Further on, a writer opines that "Freemasonry is outside and above all religions, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished."

These two quotations, especially the first, are significant straws" showing the drift of materialistic opinion which seems rife in these jurisdictions.

This reviewer has many happy memories associated with the hospitality and good fellowship of Hartford.

COSTA RICA

Oscar Valverde Carranza, Grand Master.

The Proceedings of 1924 and 1925 are in Spanish in one volume. This reviewer has had to revive some memories of his academic life of years ago, and in order to show what a wonderfully composite language, English is, and how like the Latin-derived languages are to our official vocabulary a few paragraphs are here reprinted in the original as a linguistic study in philology for all who may be interested.

Each meeting (and there were many) is headed by these letters, so full of meaning to the Craft:

A. L. G. D. G. A. D. U.

The Grand Officers are called—Grandes Dignitarios y Oficiales.

The twenty-fifth Annual Session was celebrated in San Jose, 28th November, 1924. The opening is thus described:

Después que hubo informado la Gran Comisión de Credenciales que había quórum, se procedió, a la apertura de los trabajos, en amplia forma.

This meeting was adjourned to the 26th December, 1924.

Their Delegate reported to Grand Lodge on the Masonic commission to South and Central America and reports that he was the object of signal attentions throughout the whole of Panama and in Lima.

The closing is thus described:

Puesta a discusión la minuta leída, fué aprobada. El Muy Resp. Gran. Maestro clausuró los trabajos en amplia y debida forma.

At the January meeting the Grand Master of Honduras was duly received. Evidently a union of the Central America Nations is contemplated and the co-operation of the Masonic fraternities has been enlisted in the good work and in order to bring about a better understanding for the necessity of the union proposed.

The project of building the new Masonic Temple received encouragement and a forward impetus.

At the meeting in May, 1925, thirteen Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were present.

They are most diligent letter writers and a record of the correspondence covers all the letters of the alphabet.

The tribute of a triple battery (triple bateria) was given in honour of a visiting Brother.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Session was held 27th November, 1925. Eighteen Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were present, and it was adjourned to the 28th December, when the Grand Master delivered an address which is thus summarized:

El Muy Resp. Gran Maestro H. Sergio Carballo, dió lectura a un interesante mensaje, en el cual analiza diferentes tópicos, refiriéndose especialmente a la construcción del Templo Masónico en este Vall., a la Comasonería; al acercamiento que debe estimularse entre los Mas. como una fuerza viva; a la forma cómo debe tratarse el asunto religioso y político a fin de que no se provoquen divisiones entre

hermanos; y a la forma en que deben hacerse las tramitaciones de los expedientes de candidatos a iniciaciones y afiliaciones en las Logias de la Obediencia.

From the Memorial pages we choose one, a very striking tribute to the sprig of Acacia.

Ramo de Acacia

A la memoria de los gg. hh. de las Jurisdicciones hermanas que pasaron al Eterno Oriente al golpe misterioso del Malleto del Grande Arquitecto del Universo.

Members apparently 285, showing a slight increase.

R.W. Bro. F. Davey Diamond of Belleville, represents Costa Rica.

Annual Proceedings from many Grand Lodges are acknowledged but not one from Canada.

Then follow historical documents which must be of great value and great interest to the Craft in Central America. They date from 1865 and illustrate the difficulties of development and the faithful tenacity of purpose which is characteristic of those chosen of the true in that southern clime, showing that they rely not merely upon the transitory present but also upon the foundation of the past. May their tomorrows be fruitful and peaceful and many.

DELAWARE

M.W. Brother James P. Pierce, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication was held in Wilmington, 6th October, 1926. Delaware may be a small Jurisdiction but she is big and great in her Past Grand Masters, seventeen of whom reported for duty.

Canada was well represented by William H. Weeks.

The Grand Master's address was relatively brief but strong. He said:

I have endeavored to interpret the laws and customs of our Fraternity in the best light available, to promote peace and harmony in our jurisdiction, and, at the same time, to remember the admonition against ruling in a haughty and arbitrary manner.

It has been a year in which I have realized more and more that the only real joy in life is found in the service

of our fellow men. Masonry offers a field of service which is a challenge to the best that in us lies. In the performance of our duties it should be our high aim to so weld the chain of brotherly love that naught can break it, ever bearing in remembrance that each link is forged with that greatest of all attributes—Charity.

We are jealous, and justly so, of our ritualistic work and insist that it shall be as near perfection as we can make it; but in the final analysis the ritual is simply the vine on which the fruit grows and the real idealism (of which masonry is nothing more nor less) is found in the interpretation of such ideals.

Of the Masonic Home of Delaware he says:

The ability to help the distressed promptly means much.

There is no field of Masonic activity which has proved of more merit and appreciation than the care of our aged members, their wives or widows. It is our privilege to provide for these people in the sunset years of their life, a home which is not a home in name only, but in reality, one where they receive attention and consideration which would be otherwise impossible for them to receive.

The Order of De Molay still has its advocates but with growing words of admonitory caution:

De Molay with its Bible, school books and our flag is an elevating stabilizing force in the life of the boy when he needs it most.

I would caution the leaders in this great movement, as well as the craft at large, against regarding this as a kindergarten or training school for Masonry, or that its members being solicited, or, even by inference, given to understand that they may later become members of our craft, for in doing this they are working both the boys and themselves an injustice. The desire to be a Mason must come to each one of them, as it came to you and me; and only if elected, may they enjoy this privilege.

De Molay is not building of brick and mortar for the world to see; it is building Character, the most enduring of all accomplishments.

Among his decisions is the following:

It is an established precedent when a Demit has been granted a candidate that in order to become a member of a lodge requires the same unanimous ballot as on a petition for initiation.

Further, Mackey, which has been accepted and adopted by this jurisdiction, says that a candidate who has dimitted may apply to any lodge which he may select, no matter how far removed from his residence.

Masonic Libraries of constituent lodges in this as in other States, are being established and encouraged.

Certain Masons desiring to form a Club for purely social purposes, the Grand Master ruled:

In responding I told them that I was in sympathy with such a movement but warned them against using the word Masonic in selecting a name.

Attendance is the great problem to be solved in Delaware as in other Jurisdictions. The G.M. suggests and concludes:

I would suggest, therefore, that at least two communications be arranged for annually at which no degree work be done but a suitable social or masonic program be provided.

Our great Fraternity is like every other great enterprise which has made its place in the world. It is built on three steps—a past, a present, and a future. The past is history—The present, the realm of trial and achievement—The future, the unexplored territory of dreams and ideals. Our past history has been written and can be made neither better or worse; but the present is with us. It is our domain of achievement and it rests solely with you, with me, and with each individual Mason to make it what it should be.

Queensland, Costa Rica and York Mexico were recognized.

The Committee on Necrology presented a poetic and pathetic report:

At the summons of the Supreme Grand Master, they passed serenely from the labor of life to their eternal reward on that "unknown and silent shore."

"Strange is it not?—that of the myriads who
Before us passed the door of darkness through,
Not one returns to tell us of the road
Which to discover we must travel too."

Death! The eternal mystery. Is it a wall or a door; the beginning or the ending? The wisest men of the ages have sought to solve the riddle, but the answer has ever eluded them. But when doubt assails, the Mason hugs to his heart the green sprig of faith, and, in the night of gloom, is comforted by the assurance of the Master Teacher that has come echoing down through the corridor of years.

Masonry holds out to us the promise that Death is but

"The golden key,
That opes the palace of eternity."

Membership 5,955. Net gain 44.

Robert A. Klock represents Delaware near Canada.

M.W. Bro. Day, P.G.M. is Chairman of the Correspondence Committee. His concentrated reviews have all the virtues and none of the vices of the tabloid form.

Under Arizona he cites approvingly:

I have even gone so far, Brethren, as to question whether or not we would not be better off were we all simply Masons, with no temptation to strive for higher degrees and stations. Personally, I do not admire the picture we often have of the typical Mason who is constantly striving for perfection in ritual, tactics, robes, carriage, multitude of degree jewels and ornamentations, and I am thankful that this impression which the public most certainly has, is slowly but surely fading.

Canada's transactions are analyzed, the review referring to the remarkable growth of Grand Lodge, to the number of lodges dedicated, to the timely reference of the Grand Master (all quoted) on the Ku Klux Klan, to the reports of the D.D.G.M's and to our review, which he is kind enough to call excellent.

From Colorado we take this selection as to the K.K.K.

I believe that the very best of these are members of the Masonic fraternity. Men of character hesitate to give up an association which they have formed from motives which, however mistaken, did at least seem to them to be worthy and patriotic. Even when their ideals are disappointed, they often hang on in the hope of yet attaining a partial realization. When that hope finally disappears, it is found to involve social ostracism or business loss to withdraw. And so, from a creditable pride, or a not so creditable fear, many men remain in the Klan who ought to be out of it and know they ought to be out of it.

Under England we find the words of Lord Ampthill:

I, therefore, will renew the assurance given at that time that the Board will continue to exercise its disciplinary powers towards any member of a lodge working under the English Jurisdiction, who violates his obligation by being present at or assisting in assemblies professing to be Masonic which are attended by women.

North Dakota gives us this verse:

"For there in the East we dreamed the dreams
Of the things we hoped to do;
But here in the West, the Crimson West,
The dreams of the East come true."

And with this from his report on Victoria we close our review:

It supports the Ancient Land Marks, which include particularly the three great Lights, the belief in the Supreme Being, and the Immortality of the Soul.

I therefore beg to move that "this United Grand Lodge of Victoria accords recognition to the Independent and regular National Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Sydney R. Jacobs, M.W. Grand Master.

A biography of Sydney R. Jacobs, which with his portrait opens the Proceedings, is interesting. Born in Wisconsin he turned his steps to the East and is at present Deputy Commissioner of the Public Debt. His biographer pays this worthy tribute to a worthy man.

It is not always possible for men intimately associated to measure the merit of each other, nor even to specify clearly the qualities which distinguish them. We take for granted the characteristics which are daily displayed, rarely pausing to reflect that our impressions of the men with whom we labor are the composite picture of the qualities and characteristics we see manifested in them.

Such a picture of Most Worshipful Brother Jacobs, to those of us who have wrought with him in the field of Masonry, would mean a man whose sincerity of purpose and interest in the welfare of our Craft were dominant. Clustered around these would be the elements of determination and tenacity of purpose, all, however, being tempered and made admirable by a genuine love for his fellow men.

At a Special Communication to lay the cornerstone of a church, the Grand Master said:

Masonry teaches no creed and has no peculiar doctrine of faith. There is nothing in its precepts that should properly have even a tendency to alienate a man from his Church, and its Brotherhood is so universal that it can rejoice and does rejoice with all sects over the success that attends their proper and commendable efforts.

At another Special Communication to lay the cornerstone of a church home for the Aged the Grand Master said:

That Church, militant in its character and firmly convinced of the uprightness and justice of its cause, has planted its banners in every part of the known world., and its work is so much akin to ours insofar as its ultimate purposes are concerned.

The splendid building which shall rise on this foundation stone will be dedicated to noble and unselfish purposes. Within its walls there will be found a haven of refuge for many who otherwise would be compelled, under adverse circumstances, to continue the battle of life.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication was held in Washington, December 15th, 1926. Sixteen Past Grand Masters gave their mellow maturity to the counsels of the younger brethren.

In his address the Grand Master said among other things worthy of citation:

One of the many splendid things about our brotherhood and the one that heartens its devotees more, perhaps, than any other, is the time and attention that are so largely and cheerfully given to the accomplishment of its altruistic purposes.

On an enduring basis there is implanted in the human heart a desire to be of service to one's fellows, and under natural conditions this desire will quickly and effectively find an adequate outlet. It is only when the dwarfing influence of undesirable environment and the repressing power of ignorance and distorted vision gain the upper hand that the spirit which manifests itself in a desire for service, is destroyed. Fortunate indeed is our lot as brethren of a Fraternity wherein, amid pleasing surroundings and uplifting environment, we find adequate expression for our natural tendency toward good deeds.

This Jurisdiction recognizes the Grand Lodge of Vienna. The Grand Master records his appointment of Bro. William T. Ballard to represent Canada.

As to the election of Grand Officers, and the same frequently applies to constituent lodges, the G.M. says without hesitation:

Ordinarily a brother beginning at the foot of the line must serve ten full years before becoming Grand Master. I am convinced that this practice serves no useful purpose, but that, on the contrary, it is a positive detriment, because many brethren possessing the highest qualifications for the office of Grand Master are unwilling to devote ten years to filling subordinate positions before reaching that office. I am of the opinion that the elective line should begin with the position of Junior Grand Warden.

The Masters' Association of all Lodges of the Jurisdiction met monthly, discussing various problems and suggesting measures to meet various conditions.

The Temple Heights site which cost nearly a mil-

lion is a burden to carry which Grand Lodge are facing bravely. They propose to sell part of the large acreage they purchased.

Of the Masonic Service Association this is said in recognition of the merits of its work:

Two matters upon which the Association is engaged will be of vital interest to the Craft. These are a new Masonic Encyclopedia, and a survey of Symbolic Masonry throughout the world, for the purpose of finding the facts regarding the various Grand Lodges, with special references to their genealogy, history, ritual, government, autonomy and other matters proper to be considered in relation to the question of extending fraternal recognition.

Under Masonic Education the Grand Master is of opinion:

In this connection I desire to say that I am firmly of the opinion that the best results will be obtained, not by means of mass meetings where some brother, however learned he may be, discourses on a particular Masonic subject, but from the organization of the brethren into study clubs or other similar organizations which provide individual instruction.

To Grand Secretary Keiper he pays this splendid tribute:

Brother Keiper is a brilliant writer, a forceful and captivating speaker, an indefatigable worker with enormous powers of accomplishment, a trained executive of keenest judgment, and of an engaging personality, all of which eminently fit him for the position he occupies.

And thus stirringly concludes:

Not the least of our duties as devoted members of the Craft is that of endeavoring to prepare those who shall follow us for the work that will some day be theirs of upholding its standards and maintaining its honor and prestige.

I can wish for Masonry no greater good than that, as the need arises, it will find brethren educated and developed to carry forward to triumphant success its unselfish aims and purposes.

The report of the Committee on Grievances recommend three expulsions, the names of those expelled not being given nor the Masonic offences for which they were tried. Opinions vary in Grand Jurisdictions as to this. Publication is considered by many to be part of the punishment and a protection to the Craft.

On December 27th the regular St. John's Day Communication was held.

R.W. Bro. Gratz E. Dunkum was elected G.M.

Membership 22,993. Net gain 506.

M.W. Bro. William John Drope, who is making a brave fight for recovery of health and strength, represents the District of Columbia with us.

Again the ultra Protestant hand of George W. Baird, P.G.M. known as "the Admiral" is pilot at the wheel of the Report on Correspondence.

He loves to puncture bubbles as witness this under Alabama:

He arrested the charter of a lodge, but on investigation was obliged to vindicate the Master and continue the lodge. Complaints of boot-legging and moonshining had been lodged against the officers in a lodge by reputable members. (Query: Would those complaining brethren be apt to make an equal exertion to bring an offending relative to court for being drunk, or would they conceal that offender?) Masonry borrows trouble whenever it steps outside its landmarks, as it did in prohibition.

A letter from the Grand Master in Pennsylvania reports embarrassment by the activity of "all sorts of organizations which predicate their membership upon Masonry" and invites an exchange of views. This is not new. The rowdy element which composes fun-making organizations can not be reached by the Grand Lodge, but the individual offenders can be reached, as the Grand Master in Michigan showed us a year ago.

He gives the converse to the picture of Masonic Education under Alberta thus:

What is most desired is to find Masons who want to be further educated, and, after all, is there anything so good as the lectures of the symbolic degrees? A picture leaves a more enduring impression on the retina than any amount of literature or the utterance of "Words, words, words" on the brain, and the proposed introduction of the lantern slide is a potent help. The Church of Rome is now using it every where in the movies in its own propaganda.

Under Arizona what is a very vital factor in most Grand Jurisdictions is cited as showing a desire to better the funeral ceremonies:

That permission be given, and authority granted to perform the funeral service without the necessity of regularly opening and closing the lodge of Masons.

(In Great Britain there is no Masonic funeral service. The brethren pass round the grave and deposit an ever-green.)

Canada is briefly reviewed. He cites apparently with approval our G.M.'s Rulings that a blind man is not eligible as W.M. and of course that a Secretary is not at liberty to permit unauthorized persons to have access to his books or papers, and we may add his rolls of Master Masons in good standing. What right have the Eastern Star to know this?

Speaking of the grant of \$1,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children our colleague thus comments:

The Grand Lodge does it. With us the Shrine supports the orthopedic hospitals. The benevolence report shows donations aggregating \$98,135. While this benevolence is granted by the Grand Lodge in Canada, it is contributed by the lodge with us. The report on grievance and appeals, much like our own, is legally and technically correct, but we think too much of it is printed. It is not wise to give names and offenses when we know our reports get into the hands of our enemies, who may make use of them. There is a report from the Board on the Fraternal Dead, which is not only a respectful memorial but something of a biography which may serve future purposes.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Ponton, who has reviewed the transactions of 67 grand lodges. His writing is courteous and fraternal and evidently prepared with a view of informing his readers of all that took place.

Chile, not often reviewed, therefore gives something out of the ordinary in the following:

He thinks it is the belief of all that future Masonic security depends on the separation of Church and State. It has been long known in Chile, as in other priest-ridden countries. He says many "powers" have endured grave difficulties for an incorrect territorial, and cites Egypt, Roumania, and Argentine, where they have dual jurisdictions. He reported having recognition from the Grand Lodges of Spain, Kansas, Roumania, and Yucatan, which he says is a total of 64 grand lodge recognitions. He also says: "In the Club of the Republic, our home, we find every accommodation." (It may not be known here, but in Chile Masons are not suffered to own property, so they join with others, erect a club, and rent from the Club.)

He finds England interesting and says:

To those of us who knew of Her Majesty, this affords pleasure. When this charming Danish woman married the Prince of Wales, the late Edward, she went to England, where she endeared herself to everybody. She was at the head of every good and proper movement.

An admirable temperance recommendation is made by the Board, which contrasts favorably with our methods in that it does not violate the inherent rights of man.

An appeal came to the Grand Lodge from an expelled brother in a North China lodge. Disgruntled, he not only spitefully black-balled candidates, but told of it. His lodge excluded him, after trial. He failed to appear when summoned, but always gave excuses which were considered evasive. He appealed claiming constitutional rights, but the Grand Lodge gave no consideration to his technicalities and evasions, and confirmed the expulsion. The fairness with which the accused was treated and the firmness of the Grand Lodge was admirable.

He cites Florida's decision that a Mason demitted from Greece is not eligible for affiliation in Florida, saying:

This has grown out of the modern law of territorial jurisdiction. The old and long enduring rule was to recognize a brother from any jurisdiction which had not been interdicted, provided he could prove himself and take the Tyler's Oath. (This is the rule in District of Columbia and in California to-day.) He ruled that it is not a violation of any Masonic obligation for a Mason to accept and work at a job vacated by another brother because of a strike; that Masonry does not concern itself with the private piques and quarrels or controversies between Capital and Labor.

Under Manitoba where one least expects it, he treats of the Chinese question and claims that the origin of the oppression of the Mongolians began in the sand-lot speeches of Denis Kearney at San Francisco.

Of Germany and the war he speaks thus:

Our Grand Lodge compelled its only German speaking lodge to abandon its language in its ritual during the war, and now the German speaking lodges in New York are asking to be suffered to resume that language, which was banned during the war. The Grand Lodge of England forbade German visitations during the war.

Under New York he again speaks out in meeting:

The immigration has been much greater from Romish than Protestant nations, and the inference is that Masonry has had a big share in the proverbial melting pot. He says: "A Fellowcraft Club is of the nature of a wheel within a wheel, although in a few cases it is a question as to whether or not the Fellowcraft Club has become the wheel. In one case, recently brought to my attention, all of the active members belong to the Fellowcrafts Club; in another

nearly all of the members of the lodge belonged. This can not but eventually result in harm to the lodge." Of politics he says: "Masons are citizens in politics, yes; the institution of Masonry in politics never." This is eminently correct, and the perpetuation of the Craft depends on our adherence to its virtue. But when you see the way Masons in the Legislatures adroitly miss the opportunity to vote our way but diplomatically cast their "influence" in the interest of the American Federation of Labor or of the Knights of Columbus, neither of whom are in politics (?) some Masons sit up and take notice.

His conclusion is stimulating. Hear him:

In almost every report we find some action on Education. Nearly all, or probably all of the writers of the correspondence reports know that it is difficult to induce Masons to read and keep up with education.

Ask a parochial school boy who was Benedict Arnold and he will tell you he was a traitor, a Freemason, a Protestant. He will tell you the same of Aaron Burr; and that Captain Kidd, the pirate, and of John Brown, of Ossawatamie, who precipitated the Civil War.

The child's mind is plastic. He retains what he learns. The writer believes we could do more good by sending lecturers into the Sunday Schools and graded public schools than into the lodges.

The tuberculosis sanatorium has been much discussed and heartily supported, but it is a question whether or not there are other menaces which merit our attention. It may not be an exaggeration to say that there are more deaths from speeding automobiles in a week than from tuberculosis in a month.

Encouraging efforts are being made to secure a more searching examination into the qualifications of petitioners for the degrees.

ENGLAND

M.W. Brother H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master on the Throne.

Annual Grand Festival was holden at Freemasons' Hall, 28th April, 1926.

Many Provincial Grand Masters with District Grand Masters from the Eastern Archipelago, the Transvaal and the Sudan were present.

R.W. Viscount Lascelles, K.G., D.S.O. is Senior Grand Warden.

Among those present high of rank may be noted names familiar in our mouths as household words—Ferguson, Chitty, Robbins, Colville Smith, Songhurst, Wonnacott, Carpenter, Sankey and others, also visitors from Victoria and the Grande Loge Nationale de France.

On the retirement of Sir Frederick Halsey the M.W. the Pro Grand Master said:

I shall, I hope, have many opportunities in the future for giving expression to the debt of gratitude which I feel towards him. I have benefited, more particularly in my early days of inexperience, from his wise counsel and impartial judgment. The delicate and even distasteful duty of taking precedence over one who was not only older and wiser than myself, but in every way a better man and a better Mason, was made easy from the outset by the modesty, tact, and complete self-abnegation which Sir Frederick Halsey always displayed. There is so much that we have in common in our ordinary lives that it has been all the easier for us to work together in Masonry.

It would be selfish to grudge a well-earned rest to one who, during a life exceeding the ordinary span of human life, has devoted himself incessantly to the service of his fellow creatures, not only in Masonry, but in numerous other spheres of religious, national, and social activity.

I ask you to authorize me to give him a message of fraternal greeting and hearty good wishes, together with the assurance that we honour our late Deputy Grand Master as a Mason and as an Englishman. (Loud applause).

760 were in attendance.

Quarterly Communication was holden at Central Hall, Westminster, 2nd June, 1926, the Grand Master on the Throne.

Among those present were the Earl of Malmesbury, Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and Wight, Colonel Hamilton-Wedderburn, and other distinguished Englishmen.

Visitors were present from British Columbia, Scotland, Maryland and Victoria.

Colonel Cornwallis, C.B.E., was invested and greeted as Deputy Grand Master.

Members of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution were duly elected by acclamation.

We take the following from the very comprehensive report of the Board of General Purposes:

The Board now is glad to have the opportunity to voice the feeling of the whole Craft in admiration for the Grand Master's services to Masonry in his exalted position during the past quarter of a century, and in the expression of its earnest hope for the long continuance of his present work.

Owing to the growingly large attendance at the Quarerly Communications of Grand Lodge, as well as at the Grand Festival, and the consequent exclusion from Freemasons' Hall on each occasion of hundreds of Brethren duly qualified and in readiness to attend, the Board has made arrangements for such meetings to be held elsewhere during at least the coming twelve months.

In view of the increasing number of publications purporting or affecting to give particulars of the secrets and inner proceedings of the Craft, the Board desires to notify that the preparation, publication, sale, or circulation of such works is a Masonic offence, and that, when reported and proved, the offending Brother will be dealt with by disciplinary methods. The Board would add a strong warning to Brethren generally to be extremely cautious in any allusions, whether spoken, written, or printed, to Masonic matters which may thus come into the possession of unqualified persons.

And from the address of the President, Sir Alfred Robbins, the following:

The Board is determined as far as its powers allow, to prevent trouble within the ranks of Masonry, either through renegade Masons or through reckless Masons; and we would not permit that trouble to be committed for the sake of either notoriety or personal gain. We, therefore, give full warning through this Grand Lodge that, while we are not witch-finding or heresy-hunting in any sense, we will endeavour to keep a very strict watch on the increasing laxity of some of our Brethren, who, in their anxiety to earn either popularity or some more material substance, circulate that which is secret, and should be secret, to Members of the Craft alone. And in that we are certain we shall have the hearty support of every good Mason. (Applause).

The successful competitors as Architects of the new Peace Memorial Temple were declared to be Ashley and Newman. In this connection a special Committee report:

The amount invested to-day to the credit of the Fund in short date British Government Securities is £600,000.

The Special Committee desires to place upon record its sincere appreciation of, and cordial thanks to, the eminent

Architects who acted as Assessors, and who have shown throughout their connection with this Competition a courtesy which cannot too highly be commended.

W. Brother Colonel Cobbett had as usual, a point to make which as usual was met by Sir Alfred Robbins, who assured Grand Lodge that everything had been done in accord with what has been laid before, discussed in, and adopted by Grand Lodge.

Many books and treasures were added to the Library and Museum.

Attendance at Quarterly Meeting 1,164.

Quarterly Communication holden at Kingsway Hall, 1st September, 1926, the Pro-Grand Master on the Throne.

Visitors from Western Australia, Brazil and Victoria were welcomed.

A message was received from the Grand Master during the reading of which the Brethren rose. The message had relation to recognition of overseas service:

The Grand Master, feeling that special merit on the part of the Brethren in over-seas Lodges not under Districts is not, and cannot at present be, adequately recognized in the manner in which such service is rewarded in London, as well as in the respective Provinces and Districts of the Jurisdictions, is desirous that power should be given him to confer on a certain number of Past Masters of over-seas Lodges not under Districts, a distinction for long and meritorious service equivalent to what is known as Provincial, District, or London Rank. The Grand Master, therefore, desires that the sense of Grand Lodge shall be taken on a resolution embodying the additions and amendments to the Book of Constitutions necessary to carry out his wishes in this respect; and he desires to take this special opportunity for testifying his sincere appreciation of the Masonic work performed by our Brethren in far distant parts of the world.

Bro. Sir Theodore Chambers was nominated and elected Grand Treasurer.

The record of relief extended each month is given and the total for the year represents magnificent generosity.

The Grand Secretary was reported as absent on a tour in Africa accompanied by other Brethren.

V.W. Bro. Sir Stanley Machin, P.G. Treasurer, known to this reviewer and to all who have acted with him in

connection with the Chamber of Commerce of the British Empire, was congratulated by Grand Lodge upon the honour of Knighthood conferred.

The Board refers to the Degree of Installed Masters (or Past Masters) in the following words:

It has been made plain by successive Grand Secretaries to all enquirers that no such Degree is known to, or recognized by, the United Grand Lodge of England as the Past Master's Degree, a Board of Installed Masters being defined as consisting of three or more Brethren who are either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges.

A question having arisen with regard to the liability for income tax, the following provisions to meet same are suggested:

The Lodge should by resolution appoint, from among its members, Trustees for the Benevolent Fund, and place them in possession of the Benevolent Fund assets by irrevocable Deed of Trust, such assets to be held by them for charitable purposes only.

The Benevolent Fund should be kept entirely separate and distinct from the other funds of the Lodge.

Grants from the Benevolent Fund should be strictly limited to clearly charitable purposes.

Puerto Rico was recognized.

The death of Librarian Wonnacott was noted with much regret and he was referred to as a "striking figure in our most recent activities."

The appointment of Grand Inspectors was confirmed.

The foundation stone of the Peace Memorial Building was directed to be laid July 14th, 1927.

W. Bro. Colonel Cobbett was heard upon the subject of the King Edward Memorial and the Peace Memorial, he raising a point of order.

Many warrants were granted to new lodges.

Attendance at Quarterly Communication 900.

The Memorial Fund as of December 31st was reported to total £820,489.

Quarterly Communication holden at Kingsway Hall, 2nd March, 1927, the Pro Grand Master on the Throne.

A worthy tribute was given by Lord Ampthill to the late Sir Frederick Halsey, from which we make the following selections:

No unkind word ever escaped his lips, no harsh censure ever crossed his mind, although he was the last man to condone anything that was wrong. He was before all things just, but his well-balanced sense of justice was tempered by a rare human sympathy and a great love of his fellow creatures.

As Freemasons, we have reason to be thankful that such a man was Deputy Grand Master during the past quarter of a century, which has been a critical and important period of expansion and development for the Craft. It has been everything for us that we have had at the head of our affairs, one who exemplified the practice of every domestic and public virtue, one who was so entirely devoted to Freemasonry, and one who was so universally loved and revered.

The Duke of Connaught was proclaimed Grand Master in ancient form.

The usual benevolent grants were made and this time very abundantly.

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we take this interesting paragraph:

In view of this fresh distinction, the Board desires Masters of Lodges to note that the Grand Officers' Toast should now be given in the following terms:

"The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, The Rt. Hon. Lord Amthill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, The Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, C.B.E.; and the Rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

V.W. Bro. Granville Grenfell, G.D. of C., having retired because of prolonged illness, his work is thus commented upon:

The great work Bro. Grenfell accomplished during his lengthened tenure of a delicate, difficult, and increasingly arduous position, was only part of the enduring service he rendered the Craft. By his genial courtesy, ready counsel, continuous zeal, and unflinching determination to uphold, in all the Ceremonial committed to his charge, the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, Bro. Grenfell set an example never to be forgotten.

The Grand Secretary having returned from South Africa, Sir Alfred Robbins is making a visit to South America as Craft ambassador.

The Prestonian Lecturer was appointed for the present year.

On motion of W. Bro. Fighiera the consideration of the salary of the Grand Secretary and of his office staff was referred back to the Board of General Purposes.

We think the Grand East seems a little bit severe in dealing with motions (of which notice has not been given) made from the body of the Hall, but of course not having been present, we do not perhaps catch the right atmosphere from the printed page.

The following motion of momentous import, was made and carried:

R.W. Bro. John C. A. Duff (District Grand Master, South Africa, E.D.): M.W. Pro Grand Master, I desire to move the following resolution:

"That Grand Lodge having in March, 1916, decided by resolution to require Brethren of Enemy Country Birth to abstain from attendance at meetings of Grand Lodge, or of a Private Lodge, or any other Masonic meeting until after the Treaty of Peace has been signed and until Grand Lodge shall otherwise determine, now resolves that any Private Lodge may, by unanimous vote of its Brethren, present and voting, at a regular meeting, after notice on the summons to every Subscribing Member, allow a Brother, or Brethren, of Enemy Country Birth, to resume his, or their, full membership."

FLORIDA

M.W. Brother Lamar G. Carter, Grand Master.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication assembled in St. Petersburg, April 20th, 1926.

Nine Past Grand Masters were pillars and ornaments in the East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not appear.

The Grand Master's address was full of food for thought. We make these selections:

As we meet in this magnificent building erected for the most noble and glorious of all purposes by the determined and persistent efforts of some of the best minds and most outstanding characters among the Masons in this great Jurisdiction, I extend to you fraternal greetings.

Speaking of the three Particular Lodges who in 1830 formed Grand Lodge, he says of that event and of Masonry generally:

Can you visualize the inconveniences and the time necessary to make a trip from Quincy or Marianna, where the other two lodges were located, to Tallahassee, over the sand roads and clay hills in buggies or on horseback? The Brethren who were leaders of the Craft in those days were filled with zeal and determination.

Our roster shows that there are 254 lodges many of them with a membership much larger than that of the three original lodges combined. We own the splendid 7-story, reinforced concrete Temple building in the city of Jacksonville, and this Home property. We owe no man or set of men anything.

When we gaze upon this well arranged and excellently managed Institution in which we are now meeting; when we see the smiling and eager faces of the children, their cleanly appearance and their orderly demeanor; when we hear the pleasant voices and friendly greeting of the older folks and come to a realization of the happiness and contentment of the guests of this Home, we can begin to realize in some small way, the magnitude of our undertaking in the establishment of this place, and the possibilities and opportunities offered here for great and lasting good.

This is a fraternity that has withstood the test of time; has calmly witnessed the quarrels and bickerings of political parties, religious denominations and all kinds of organizations, and through it all remains today unshaken and unchanged, standing solidly upon her firm foundation of belief in God and service to mankind.

"She has beauties greater far,
Than East or West unfold;
More precious are her bright rewards
Than gems or stars of gold.

On the death of Bro. Cooper the Grand Master paid this tribute to his memory.

Men were attracted to him much as is the delicate fragrance from the atmosphere to rare flowers, and like the flowers, he was always in a receptive mood, a glad hand here, a smile there and ever and anon a kind and encouraging word broad-casted to the multitude.

Eight Cornerstones were laid during the year and two were refused (1) because the wall had been completed, (2) because the stone was not to be in the north-east corner.

He approved the questionnaire which seems to be largely adopted now throughout other Grand Jurisdictions than ours, and refused certain requests thus recorded:

I approved a form of questionnaire which would elicit certain information as to location, family history, physical and financial conditions, etc., of the petitioner, to be used in connection with petitions for initiation.

I refused to authorize the Grand Secretary to furnish a list of the names of the Particular Lodges and their secretaries.

A charter having been arrested, and the period of penance passed, the Grand Master says:

As this lodge has been without a Charter for nearly 12 months, I believe that the members have been brought to a realization of their position and that in future they will be more careful of the morals of their members as well as their own conduct in carrying out the directions of the Grand Master.

We doubt the Masonic wisdom of the following ruling:

I ruled that there was no objection to the formation of a club or association among the members of a lodge for the purpose of the payment of a death benefit when one of the members of the association died. The rules and regulations to be something similar to the Black Camel Fund as established by Morocco Shrine Temple.

Among his many other rulings are the following:

There is no regulation requiring or providing for a flag ceremony or the salutation of the flag during the opening ceremonies of the lodge.

Florida does not recognize the claim of permanent jurisdiction over rejected material made by Pennsylvania, and that a Florida Lodge has the right to receive the petition of a man who had been rejected by a Particular Lodge in Pennsylvania, five years before the date of the petition.

There is nothing in Masonic law that would prohibit a Roman Catholic from becoming a Mason.

You should have re-spread the ballot as soon as it was discovered that there was only one black ball and you are hereby authorized to re-spread the ballot at some future meeting, and if there is one black ball at that time the candidate should be declared rejected, while if there are no black balls, he should be declared elected and the degree could be conferred.

A brother was charged for the non-payment of an account due. I directed the W.M. to order the charges withdrawn as a Masonic Lodge cannot be used for collection of debts or the settlement of disputes of this nature between brothers.

It is not a violation of any of the Masonic obligations for a Mason to accept and work at a job vacated by another Mason, on account of strike; that Masonry does not concern itself with private piques or quarrels or with controversies between capital and labor.

At the afternoon session:

The children of the Home gave a delightful entertainment which was greatly enjoyed by the brethren.

Panama was recognized, and with regard to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico they report:

It furnished a haven for good men and facilities for healthy fraternal meetings and self improvement.

The Grand Orator in his oration speaking of those in charge of the Home, said:

Gentle, kindly, considerate, active, honest, sympathetic, they carry on their high tasks quietly without ostentation, but with admirable efficiency and success.

Of the origin of Freemasonry he is of the opinion that:

Freemasonry was originally a fraternity of skilled builders—architects and artificers. The Phoenicians, whose capital cities were Tyre and Sidon, were the early parents of this semi-religious mystic fraternity, or society of builders referred to in history as the "Dionvsian Architects." It is recorded that this fraternity was employed by the Tyrians and Sidonians in the erection of costly temples to unknown deities, in the building of rich, and gorgeous palaces and in strengthening and beautifying.

Being free as to territory and taxes and free as to the character of the work they undertook, they were called free masons.

Of the beginnings of English Freemasonry he says:

In 1710 a Presbyterian minister, James Anderson, who was an accepted mason, was made chaplain of an operative lodge in England. By this time many other men who were not operative masons had been admitted.

Speculative or symbolic Freemasonry was fully launched by the organization of this Grand Lodge. Anderson became Grand Secretary, and to him was entrusted the work of modifying the ceremonies and regulations. He adapted the operative ritual to those who were Accepted Masons. He gave the tools and implements symbolic meaning by which beautiful and impressive moral lessons are taught.

Other striking sentences in his oration are:

Bacon said, "They that deny God destroy a man's nobility; for certainly man is like the beasts in his body, and if he is not like God in his spirit, he is an ignoble creature. "

Man knows that he is not governed by resistless blind fate or inexorable dumb destiny; but that he is free to choose between the evil and the good. We are conscious of our freedom to act, as we are conscious of our existence and continuing identity.

The Minority Report on the reinstatement of a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues, put it strongly this way:

It is an unfair, unjust and reprehensible act on the part of any lodge to refuse to re-instate in any case, when the

only offense for which a brother is suspended is non-payment of dues, which he is anxious and willing to pay.

George W. Clendenan represents Florida, and Canada was represented by Silas B. Wright.

Membership 27,398. Net increase 1,527.

Our old friend of the Royal Arch, Ely P. Hubbell took up the additional duties of the Correspondence of Grand Lodge and in his salutatory said:

This report, as the writer understands it, is mainly to acquaint the membership of the Craft in Florida with the happenings in the Masonic world, and with the hope that profit may come from the good examples presented and warnings taken of the possible errors, confining this review largely to the historical and to the jurisprudence, rather than to the literary gems which so profusely abound.

An apprenticeship of nearly a decade in the Capitular quarries indicate that the most critical readers are the correspondence writers of the other jurisdictions.

Being primarily intended to enlighten the Craft in our own State controversial matters, though possibly valuable, are purposely omitted.

This from Alabama is interesting:

He placed this construction on that clause in the Master's obligation relative to keeping the secrets of a brother, commonly termed "on the square," and which Grand Lodge approved:

Its purpose is to afford a brother in distress about his own or his family's affairs, an opportunity to get the advice and aid of a brother in whom he places confidence, about the proper handling of those affairs, with an assurance that the information will go no further, and that because of the communication of these secrets the communicating brother will not be embarrassed in the future.

A full compendium of Canada for 1925 is given, recounting the large increase, the death of three Grand Masters, the remarks on the K.K.K. and the long to be remembered event of the presentation of Long Service Medals to 36 Past Masters. He approves the reports of the D.D.G.M's and of the report on the Condition of Masonry quoting the following paragraph:

It combines the important principle of democratic freedom of selection by the constituent lodges with a proper balance of the power of constituted authority as a representative of the Grand Master.

He speaks of our review as being in attractive and instructive form.

The review of England is friendly and full. We make the following selections:

The Grand Lodge of England appropriated five hundred guineas to the special fund being raised for the renovating of St. Paul's Cathedral, in recognition of the services of that illustrious architect, Sir Christopher Wren, who has been identified with Freemasonry, both by history and tradition.

Among the prerogatives of the Grand Master is the conferring of Grand Rank, both Present and Past, upon qualified members of the Craft. With 4,000 lodges and only fifty appointments more or less available, quite naturally there arise "disturbances among the Craft." In order to remove some of the misapprehensions, the Pro Grand Master plainly stated the conditions governing the bestowal of these coveted honors, and the closing portion of his remarks are as applicable to the Craft in Florida, or California, for that matter, as those under the English constitution.

Ecuador and Chile were recognized.

He thus records the foreign relations of Ohio:

Several applications were made by Foreign Grand Jurisdictions for official recognition, but not named, and were referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Recognition was recommended only to Guatemala. On the others the committee felt that "on account of the uncertainty prevailing, action was not then desirable."

Under Virginia he voices the sentiments of all reviewers:

Joseph W. Eggleston, who is no believer in either heads or tails, so far as reviews are concerned, presents another masterful report.

Quotation and comment are judiciously mixed.

From his valedictory we take these paragraphs:

Another feature that is everywhere taken seriously is the great Masonic principle of charity, both in the manner of securing and disbursing the funds, and with some form of a Masonic Home leading.

As to non-payment of dues. The writer as secretary of his local Masonic bodies for several years, has quite positive opinions and firmly believes that this can be changed somewhat when as careful attention is given to this part of Lodge work by its secretary as is given by him to his more personal affairs.

GEORGIA

M.W. Brother William S. Richardson, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication was held in Macon, October 26th, 1926, and the opening is thus described:

After prayer by Grand Chaplain and the chorus of 800 voices rendering "How Firm a Foundation", the Grand Lodge was declared open in due and solemn form.

On failure of Senior Grand Warden Cox to answer roll call, a Past Grand Master responded, recounting his death and concluding with this fine tribute:

I saw many strong men, members of our Craft, to whom the deceased had been a guide, counselor and friend, stricken with grief, and I felt that the entire concourse of people could have said, with the Scotch warrior, as he turned away from the bier of his friend, and pronounced those wonderful words of tribute to him:

"The monarch may forget the crown
Which on his head an hour has been,
The bridegroom may forget the bride
Was made his wedded wife yest'reen.
The mither may forget the bairn
Which smiles all sweetly on her knee,
But I'll remember thee, Glencairn,
And a' that thou hast been to me."

Eleven Past Grand Masters worked and served in the Grand East.

Canada was represented by C. Percy Taylor.

The Grand Master's message was an earnest and practical one. In his introduction he said:

It has not been a year of loud acclaim—rather it has been a time of the understanding and faithful performance of our various duties.

Among his decisions we find one extraordinary ruling permitting a Masonic Hall to be rented to the Ku Klux Klan for their regular meeting on the ground that the Klan is a secret and a charitable organization. We must take issue with both the policy and the description.

Other decisions are:

There is nothing in the Code preventing Masons from attending Divine worship in regalia or in a body; in fact, such a practice should be encouraged rather than discouraged.

There is no Masonic law by which a Master Mason can be tried for an offense committed prior to his receiving the Masonic degrees. Where such an unfortunate situation occurs, it is evident that the lodge permitted undesirable members to join and that there was a laxity on the part of the investigating committee.

I have given as my official opinion that when a candidate has been rejected and a new lodge has been established nearer to the rejected applicant's residence, the recently established lodge has jurisdiction over the material, if twelve months have elapsed since the rejection.

I refused to grant dispensations allowing the advancement of a candidate who had not become proficient in the preceding degree; for the laying of the corner stones of churches on the Sabbath day, and for the reception of the petition of a candidate who can not read and write.

The Grand Master well says that if Freemasonry fails to provide for its distressed and indigent members then Freemasonry is a failure indeed.

The Masonic Home Printing Shop prints the proceedings of all branches of Masonry in Georgia and their work is excellent indeed. They have a grateful pride in turning out their very best. Of this Print Shop it is said by the G.M.:

It was said once that Georgia Freemasonry had a door by which the children could enter the Home, but none by which they could depart fitted or trained for outside work. In addition to the splendid training that is being offered by the Print Shop this department of the Home is doing splendid work in the printing of the various Proceedings of the Grand Bodies, as our volume will testify. Net revenue received from the Print Shop goes back into the Home fund.

A word of merited praise is given to Bro. E. A. McHan (Secretary of the Royal Craft) who is giving his life to Masonry and who is Editor of the Masonic Home Messenger, which this reviewer reads each month with pleasure and profit.

Of institutional work in this Grand Jurisdiction the G.M. says :

Quite naturally our Institutional Work is the greatest undertaking of our Craft. This work includes the Masonic Home and its associated departments, our Masonic Relief Fund for the Aged and Indigent, the Alto Tubercular Cottage for Little Children, the Student Loan Fund and the program for the Director of Masonic Welfare.

The Craft is not only willing but anxious to learn fully of plans and purposes. And the Craft should know. This

is their Grand Lodge, and the work that is planned is their work. The institutions we have established belong to every one of the approximately 70,000 Freemasons in Georgia. Unless we all know, we cannot understand.

Seventeen cornerstones were laid during the year. Would that we in Canada could approach that constructive record!

He prudently speaks of Italian affairs in these words:

While we sympathize deeply with the Masons in Italy, at the same time their condition can be taken as an example of what might result to Georgia Freemasons should they indulge in political affairs.

He calls the Foreign Correspondence Report a veritable storehouse of knowledge, freely obtained and easily read.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address use words that evidently come from the heart and which are unique in the category of eulogies that we have read:

Our Grand Master! A plain, blunt Scotchman, who knows how to work and knows how to love. Like Ephraim of old, joined to his idols. His idols are high and noble ideals. These ideals converted into real forces, become electric vehicles, laden with good-will.

When he has laid aside the working tools of life and the history of his faith, his hope and love has become the heritage of the Masons of Georgia, the acclaim shall go forth, "Worthy, worthy, thrice worthy the life and work of W. S. Richardson!"

A happy episode is thus recorded:

186 children from the Masonic Home were marched into the hall and placed on the commodious platform, under the superintendence and direction of Director of Masonic Welfare, Superintendent, and the seven matrons of the Home.

This great chorus of children's voices filled the large auditorium with melody as they rendered "America".

A little lady, one of the children, made an excellent speech to Grand Lodge from which we make the following extracts:

I have come to tell you something about your Home. It would require language which I do not command to give you any idea of our appreciation for the things you are doing for us. Even the smallest child knows to whom he is indebted for all the comforts he enjoys.

"Once, a lady, on passing through the Home, stopped a small boy and asked, 'And are you an orphan, too?' He then looked up and said, 'No mam! I have seventy thousand daddies.'"

We look for Mr. Bass' coming to the Home with the same degree of pleasure that more fortunate children look for the home-coming of their fathers. We save up all our little troubles and pleasures to carry to him. We think Brother Bass the greatest of all men.

One of the boys also spoke in splendid style, gratefully acknowledging all the improvements that had been made in the Home and on the farm and saying:

In our present modern state we raise nearly all the food used by the Home, during the summer.

The children then all joined with the brethren in singing with zest and feeling "Love Lifted Me."

The veteran Director of Masonic Welfare, M.W. Bro. Bass well-beloved, used the following words with regard to institutional policy:

The great problem with every Institution is to get away from the Institutional atmosphere, to send out children as normal, ordinary children, not handicapped with the routine or system of an Institution or embarrassed by the idea that they are different from other children; to bridge the gap between orphanages and normal homes and enable the child to start out in the world on an equal footing and with the same ease as the boy or girl out of the ordinary homes.

The Grand Representative from Texas in his address said:

You have a fine bunch of children in your Home. These children are not a burden, not a liability; they are among the greatest assets that the Masons of Georgia have or any other Country could have.

In presenting the P.G.M. Jewel to Bro. Richardson, Brother Thomas said:

A man whose heart is filled with sympathy and friendship for the poor, the distressed, the sorrowing, a man with that old Presbyterian tenacity and determination, and who has fixed in his own mind and enshrined in his own heart the ideals of truth, honesty, tenderness and love, can't help but be a great man. He may not stand up before you and thrill you with the eloquence of his speech, but in his life, the temple stands untarnished, resplendent.

Membership 70,752.

Georgia was up to the time of his death represented by M.W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.

The Fraternal Correspondence by Raymund Daniel, whose sureness of touch and literary talent is known throughout the Craft, is printed in a separate volume thus following the example of North Carolina and dignifying the review as a separate entity. It is preceded by this verse:—

What care I for caste or creed?
It is the deed, it is the deed.
What for the crown or what for chest?
It is the soul within the breast,
It is the faith, it is the hope,
It is the struggle up the slope,
It is the brain and the eye to see,
One God and one humanity.

His introduction covers many pages of thoughtful matter and the originality with which his themes are treated will at once be apparent to our readers

In his "Tale of Two Cities," Charles Dickens writes:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of Light, it was the season of darkness."

The portrayal of the French Revolution at that time is as applicable to chaotic conditions of today, as if they had been engraven for our weighing in the balances of destiny.

We are unfair if we do not acknowledge that today is "the best of times, the age of wisdom, the epoch of belief, the season of Light." We are unjust if we do not gladly acclaim that, in many ways, the world has advanced, and is continuing to move on to heights and achievements of which man has never dreamed.

On the other hand, we face the disasters of smugness and complacency if we do not admit, meet and overcome the dangers of "the worst of times, the age of foolishness, the epoch of incredulity and the season of darkness."

We stand today by the tomb of a past age and the cradle of a new era.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

So often, we forget utterly the old when we take on the new.

It is a far-flung brotherhood which seeks to teach the principle promulgated by the distinguished scholar and

clergyman—Joseph Fort Newton—that “there is only one sin and that is hatred; only one virtue, to love God and our fellow man.”

No more explicit interpretation can be given than that offered by Joseph W. Eggleston—the Stonewall Jackson of Virginia Freemasonry, who said:

“Our view is that Masonry is morality in action, Divine in origin, perfect and unimprovable, and incompatible with anything else as an element with which to mix it.”

Freemasonry is like a light-house above the tempestuous sea of life. We do not need new towers of light for every new wave—we need to fasten our sight upon the flame that, so long, has shown the way, instead of seeking to devise some new untried method of ourselves to meet and overcome conditions.

Freemasonry can not die with us.

We of today are responsible for those who now work in the background of the quarries. They will be the Craftsmasons of tomorrow.

In our efforts we have been mindful of the inspiration given and kindness bestowed by our fellow Reviewers.

We are mindful of the splendid co-operation of Brother Murphy, manager of the Masonic Home Print Shop and the work of the children of the Home, without whom we could not have accomplished our task.

Nor can we fail to express our gratefulness to one who has helped—she who is the big part of our life, and who often times sacrificed her pleasure to render her aid.

To the assertion of the Grand Master by British Columbia that we British are in possession of the best parts of the world our collèague answers:

Naturally, we can not coincide with the reference to the possession “of the best parts of the world,” but we do heartily agree with the logic of “sound body and a sound brain.”

As is true with all our British and Canadian brethren, the Craftsmasons of British Columbia are using every effort to build up their benevolences.

California suggests this summing up:

Analyzing Freemasonry, the Grand Master held most properly that “through all of its lessons and charges winds the thread of loyalty to country; obedience to law; support of constituted authority; good citizenship.” I cannot conceive of a good Mason who is not first and above all else a good citizen.

Canada is treated with a special generosity of citations and of comments and we thank our confrere for his encouraging words. He says:

The duty of lodges to their members is driven straight home in the Grand Master's address.

The Grand Master handled well the Ku Klux Klan situation.

Two hundred and seven pages of splendid reports from the District Deputies make up a valuable treatise from which the Board on the Condition of Masonry gathers its views in a still more valuable summary.

In every age, God raises up some leader to make the world better and more sweet. In this age he is one of such leaders. We always will be glad we lived in the same period with him.

The splendid work that our distinguished brother began as Grand Master is being carried on in his service as Grand Correspondent. His reviews of 1925 are a treasury of knowledge and information—pleasantly and profitably presented. There is not an uninteresting line in the 343 pages. The only regret is that it cannot be shouted from the house tops.

He says of Oregon's endorsement of the Daughters of Job:

"Estimable as they are, has not a Masonic Grand Lodge sufficient work within itself without tacking on more fraternities and more sororities?"

With all of which we do agree most heartily.

Under England we read:

One reads, almost with awe, the report of the Finance Committee giving the net assets of Grand Lodge as 650,629 pounds sterling, approximately \$3,000,000.

We find this illustration of justice under Missouri:

Grand Lodge restored to good standing a deceased brother, who was insane, and suspended for non-payment of dues by his lodge which did not know the brother's mental state. The lodge was authorized to expunge the suspension, which was declared illegal, from its records, "in order that justice and mercy may be done and that Brother — may have died as he lived—a Master Mason in good standing," It is well done!

Under Texas we read this lesson:

One by one the leaves of "recognized" Latin Grand Lodges are falling. Now comes the report of invasion of Texas by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The incoming Grand Master of Texas was requested to investigate, and, if reports were confirmed, to withdraw recognition. Even Masonically, "the mistake of a moment is often the sorrow of a life-time."

IDAHO, 1925

M.W. Brother Frank Knox, Grand Master.

These handsome Proceedings are well printed in the office of the Idaho Freemason. The Masonic Press is generously supported.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Pocatello, September 8th, 1925. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were columns of strength in the Grand East. Canada's Grand Representative (as we regret to say is too usual an occurrence throughout the United States) did not respond to the roll call.

The Grand Master in his address modestly says:

Man may err in his judgment in matters of life as well as in deciding problems of organizations over which he has been placed in authority.

Among his decisions are the following:

Is it possible for constituent lodges to donate from their funds to such orders as the Boy Scouts?

I know of nothing that would prevent them from so doing but I do not believe it would be advisable.

I find nothing to prohibit the installation of officers on a Sunday.

Where a petitioner whose character is above reproach, and seems in other respects to be eligible, but who has a stiff leg. Is he eligible for the degrees?

No, he cannot conform to the requirements.

What about a stiff upper lip?

He refused to grant a dispensation to institute a De Molay Chapter by a constituent lodge or to allow one to be sponsored.

Grand Secretary Curtis F. Pike reported that he had written as instructed to the Grand Secretary of Denmark intimating that Grand Lodge had extended recognition and suggesting the name of a Brother as representative. To date he had not received a reply, but see Review of 1926 Proceedings hereafter as to the negative results.

Membership 9,761. Net gain 261.

The Foreign Correspondence Chairman, John W. Shore represents as to the Czecho-Slovak Grand Lodge which had applied for recognition that its full title being

the National Czecho-Slovak Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Orient of Prague, it was not a sovereign and independent Grand Body and therefore cannot be recognized as such.

Grand Orator Eldridge delivered an eloquent oration:

Grand Wardens may keep watch and ward, Grand Pursuivants may pursue, Grand Marshals may proclaim, Grand Stewards may stew (this is a purely historical allusion to the ancient function of the office), and Grand Deacons may with all dignity exercise their diaconate, but in my times, at least, at Grand Lodge, no Grand Orator has ever availed himself of the privilege of his office—or shall I say, been foolhardy enough?—to stand in his place and address his fellow Past Masters on matters as well known to them as they are to himself.

My intention today is to pick out four simple, yet grand and eternal, tenets of our belief, that form the very foundation-stones of the whole Masonic structure.

I realize that the title "Creed" is likely to arouse antagonism in some of you, but I stand by my guns, for one's creed does matter tremendously.

I wonder how many of you love and reverence, as I do, that wonderful, beautiful book, of Dr. Joseph Fort Newton. "The Builders". Somewhere in it is a footnote in which he says, in effect, that "the most dangerous period of life is not youth, with its turmoil of storm and stress, but between forty and sixty, when the enthusiasms of youth have cooled, and its rosy glamor has faded into the light of common day, and there is apt to be a letting down of ideals—a hardening of heart—and cynicism takes the place of idealism". Many of us here today are in those dangerous years and need, therefore, to re-examine our creed—to reinforce the foundations of our faith.

Growing out of a Mason's belief in God, comes his belief in Prayer.

Masonry begins and ends in prayer. A Mason's first act within the lodge-room as an Entered Apprentice, like his last act in the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, is to kneel in prayer.

The fourth great Landmark of our Creed is Belief in the Immortality of the Soul.

Listen, too, to the recent words of truth and beauty of the great philosopher and poet of India, Rabindranath Tagore:

"Never can my mortal day contain all that I have thought and felt, gained and given, listened to and uttered. . . . Death, I refuse to accept from thee that I am nothing but a gigantic jest of God, that I am Annihilation, built with all the wealth of the Infinite."

R. F. Richardson of Strathroy represents Idaho, and Alfred W. Gordon represents Canada.

Bro. Shore gives an interesting review of sister Jurisdictions, saying in his Foreword:

In governmental policies there is a universal demand that all things shall be done decently and in order, to the end that the craft shall so maintain its reputation that it shall continue to honor any man whom it may accept. Therefore, we find that advancement must be earned by fitness, service and knowledge; that activities based on Masonic foundations must be as the polished corners of the Temple in order to survive, and that empty egotism based on high-sounding titles, and ostentation based merely on the raising of edifices and monuments each more costly than the other, must fall before the tests of service and necessity.

The report on Canada is generous in size and in spirit, covering many citations and over six pages of closely printed matter. We appreciate our colleague's kindly interest. Among other things he writes:

Toronto is the Capital city of the leading Province of the Dominion. It is the educational center and the commercial center and the financial center and the industrial center of the Province, and its people are in hearty sympathy with the high aims of the Craft.

Boise's Mayor may like to copy this claim, which embraces all the civic cardinal virtues, for us in 1926.

The Grand Master wants all Lodges or Masters of Lodges to have available at all times a standard pronouncing dictionary.

These D.D.G.M. reports, while largely repetitions on general lines, must be very interesting to the lodges immediately concerned, and it certainly gives each one a place in the sun and affords them more mention than is obtained by merely figuring in the lodge roster.

Of our Review he says:

This is an excellent production. Idaho comes in for adequate and fraternal notice.

Under Professionalism in the review of Oklahoma he says and quotes:

A plea for an opportunity to be given to the ordinary man for distinguishing himself in the various lodge activities is sounded by the Grand Master, and he has drawn somewhat of a melancholy picture for us of present social conditions.

The social call has been substituted for visits and for companionship. Conversation is a lost art. Entertainment

and music have been professionalized, and are furnished almost solely by hired performers. Even home music has been professionalized until the untrained members of the family are expected to remain discreetly silent.

Nursing the sick and administering charity are being transferred to the paid nurse, the salaried official, the organized and officered institutions. The home is asking the school to take its job off its hands. In short, the tendency of the times which transfers every service to the community or to the paid employee has invaded the lodge and left the average Mason with nothing to do in Masonry except to sit by and witness the conferring of an occasional degree.

IDAHO, 1926

M.W. Bro. Will H. Gibson, Grand Master.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Boise, 14th September, 1926. Again eighteen Past Grand Masters graced the East. Again Canada was not represented among the Grand Ambassadors.

In his address the Grand Master said that he had not been unmindful of the duties the confidence of the brethren imposes and he welcomed the opportunity for service, adding:

Masonry must continue to inculcate its high ideals into the minds and hearts of the Craft if it would continue to be a factor in the solution of the every-day problems of life. To bring men to a full realization of their obligations to themselves and toward their fellows as a prime purpose for the existence of the Masonic institution. No institution can solicit nor long retain the active support of thinking men unless it have a forward-looking, constructive, energizing program worthy of the best thought of the age.

As to the conduct of Trials he says:

During the past Masonic year eleven trials have been conducted, and in every instance the lodges voted trial by commission.

\$200 was appropriated again for the Grand Historian who had prepared an interesting document replete with early historical lore of the State.

In connection with the New Mexico Sanitoria Association he says that 25 of the Grand Jurisdictions are now represented on the Board of Governors.

Grand Lodge met to conduct a funeral service to Past Grand Master Gordon, a worthy custom.

From his many decisions we select the following:

Can a Master Mason serve as Warden of his lodge while not a resident within the Jurisdiction?

Yes.

Should a Constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction sponsor a Chapter of the Order of De Molay.

No lodge shall stand sponsor for, or in any way assume control or responsibility for any other organization whatever.

Is a candidate who has had the misfortune to lose his right arm below the elbow after having received the First and Second Degrees of Masonry, eligible to receive the Master Mason's Degree?

Yes. I find no law justifying your refusal to advance him, nor would your refusal be justified toward a brother Fellowcraft Mason.

The brotherly olive branch held out to Denmark (see 1925 Review ante) was not accepted, the Grand Secretary writing that the Grand Lodge regrets to be unable to entertain the same. This reminds us of our own experience with Sweden. The ways of some of these European Grand Lodges are past finding out. From the home of Queen Alexandra we expected better things.

Membership 10,008.

The Grand Secretary says that New York is the largest Grand Lodge in the world with over 300,000 members.

Grand Orator Givens delivered an excellent oration, more brief than usual. The following will illustrate his style and matter:

I presume that we might say that at the present time, Masons are free-born from the domination of ignorance, bigotry and superstition. There is another element of freedom which Masons, particularly in this country, enjoy, and which perhaps we think of all too seldom; that is the freedom of citizenship.

We hear a great deal in regard to the antagonistic forces which perhaps menace our government and our free institutions.

We need be greatly concerned about how it affects us as individuals. I think that our institutions are founded upon such basic truths that we need not be concerned about them; but how about the part that we, as Masons and as citizens of this Republic, are taking, and how are we bearing our share of the responsibility which rests upon us.

If it is worth while to be a Mason, and your attend,

ance here proves that you think it is, then surely it is worth while to be in the truest sense a citizen of this country, and to be a little different kind of a citizen of this country than others.

Some time ago an Italian who was born in Italy was being examined in the court for naturalization purposes. I tell this story because I think that too many of us are perhaps like the Italian. The Judge asked him who the President of the United States was. He said, "Coolidge." He was asked who was the immediate past President. He replied, "Harding". The Judge then said to him, "Could you be the President of the United States?" The Italian replied, "Oh, please excusa me. I too busy. I gotta drive da truck!"

How many of us are perhaps too busy?

Bro. Shore for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports:

Where active wrong-doing and culpable negligence are manifest, the necessary discipline is being administered.

Judging from the anxiety displayed with reference to the functioning of investigating committees, and the provisions of what are thought to be improved methods for their working, it is certain that the antecedents and character of candidates, and the motives for their desire to enter the fraternity are being closely inquired into, with the result that such material is of a high order.

The Grand Lodges of some of these western States are very independent. They turned down a resolution of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances and the next day turned down a recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee.

A Committee on Conciliation was proposed and the matter was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, the good objects being thus described:

It shall function as a peace-making court, and its activities shall be directed toward the smoothing out of personal and factional bickerings between members and factions in our lodges.

It shall have authority to summons members for consultation, admonition and advice in the furtherance of their work.

The cornerstone of a County Court House was laid with great ceremony and an address was given by the Honourable W. F. McNaughton on its significance. It was a forceful and thoughtful presentation of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

In the Fraternal Review Canada has not the honour of being included.

Under Arkansas with regard to the ever cropping-up subject of De Molay we find the following:

The Grand Master was strongly in favor of the De Molay and justified the faith that is in him by saying:

"I believe one of Masonry's greatest opportunities is among the near Apprentices. I fear your apprenticeship and mine began too late to make of us the finished workmen and conscientious Masters that we should be. Masonic scholars in all ages have been disappointed in the small part of Masonry that the average Mason ever grasps but the Mason is not to blame. For the first twenty-one years of his life he has been kept in total ignorance and darkness regarding its teachings. If he dares to show any boyish interest or curiosity, he has been met with a wise shake of the head and a knowing smile, and told to wait until he is twenty-one years of age before trying learn anything about Freemasonry."

And the following under British Columbia:

Throughout the report strong disapproval was expressed of "side orders", and the growth of pseudo-Masonic organizations. An objection was raised to the quality of South and Central American bodies.

From Manitoba we glean this comment:

In regard to the Master's duties and their performance, the committee said:

It should be very definitely understood that lodges are not created for the purpose of passing Masters through the chairs and making Past Masters.

ILLINOIS

M.W. Bro. R. C. Davenport, Grand Master.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Meeting was held in Chicago, 12th October, 1926. Ten Past Grand Masters on vigilant duty in the East.

The opening is thus described:

Previous to the opening the grand lodge was entertained in a delightful manner by the Boys' and Girls' Band and the Boys' and Girls' Chorus of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, LaGrange.

From the In Memoriam speech in remembrance of the late M.W. Bro. Wood delivered by Owen Scott the Grand Secretary, we take the following striking verses:

"The man who wins is the average man,
Not built on any particular plan,
Not blessed with any particular luck,
Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.

"For the man who wins is the man who works,
Who neither labors nor trouble shirks,
Who uses his hands, his head, his eyes,
The man who wins is the man who tries."

Of the Grand Masters' Conference in the calling of which he was largely instrumental, he says:

It was the opinion of all present that a conference of this character held annually would do a great deal toward bringing about a better understanding of our inter-jurisdictional problems.

The addition to the Hospital at the Sullivan Home cost \$100,000 one-half borne by the Grand Chapter, one-half by Grand Lodge.

The G.M. speaks thus of trials:

The wisdom of conducting trials by commission is being realized more and more each year. The brethren selected for this duty are chosen because of their peculiar fitness for the task.

Among his decisions are the following:

Declaring a lodge at ease does not permit brethren to enter or retire without permission from the Master.

I advised the Illinois lodge that in electing the petitioner it had thereby acquired perpetual jurisdiction.

I received a letter from another member asking if it was permissible "for the lodge to be called at ease for the purpose of electioneering while the tellers prepared the ballots.

The lodge was controlled by factions reflecting the personal and political differences of its members.

I finally decided that the brother mentioned was the source of the trouble, and directed the Junior Warden to prefer charges of unmasonic conduct against him.

The accused brother was found guilty and his sentence fixed at six months' suspension.

The lodge was advised that the question as to whether or not they were to continue to function as a lodge depended entirely on their future conduct.

Then comes a decision which of course shocks us in Canada, it having been disclosed that a petitioner having an artificial foot had been initiated, the Grand Master deposed and suspended the W.M. and

arrested the charter of the lodge. This decision was afterwards approved by the Committee but the Charter, after punishment, was restored. We wonder whether our friend and Brother with the artificial foot will be criticized for this when he attempts to enter the heavenly portals. We rather think that Saint Peter will look towards the Temple of character not made with hands.

An article entitled "The Confession" a travesty on part of the Ritual, was so bold that its author was traced and he was suspended. Having expressed his remorse he was restored by Grand Lodge.

As to financing Masonic Temples the Grand Master prudently says:

The time is rapidly passing when the Masons of Illinois are content to meet in "The Lodge Room over Simpkin's Store," and they are showing the real progressive Masonic spirit. This real progressive Masonic spirit, however, must have something back of it other than enthusiasm.

He disapproves of what has grown into a custom in Illinois, namely, the presentation of presents by each year's classes to the Master, saying wisely what was afterwards supported by the Committee:

The custom of classes giving presents to their Master has become so distasteful that in my opinion something should be done to stamp out this pernicious practice.

I can see no good in the custom, and much harm. The honor bestowed on a brother by his election to the office of Master and the personal gratification which is his in being of service to the lodge should be sufficient reward for his labors.

In my opinion this custom is in reality a cleverly designed plan of evading the spirit of the Code. While the offenders would not admit that it is in any way an assessment, yet there is sufficient proof in the well known fact that one who fails to contribute is practically ostracized, often embarrassed, and even insulted. Not only are brethren raised during the year approached, but even candidates have been asked to contribute.

He concludes with this verse:

"Life is sweet because of the friends we make,
And the things which in common we share.
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.
It is giving and doing for somebody else;

On this all life's splendor depends,
And the joy of this world when we've summed it all up
Is found in the making of friends."

He notes the appointment of M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt to represent Illinois.

No less than 16 cornerstones were laid during the year, a record to put us on enquiry in Canada as to why we are apparently not popular in that natural function of the Mason builders.

What interests this reviewer is the following among Dedications, and a picture of the beautiful Temple at Belleville adorns the Proceedings:

The new Masonic temple at Belleville was dedicated by Brother Richard C. Davenport, Grand Master.

The various items of disbursements enumerated cover many pages and one is lost in wonder at the splendid salaries paid by the Grand Lodge of Illinois to the G.M., to the Grand Secretary, to the Assistant Grand Secretary, to the Secretary of the G.M., in fact to nearly everyone who performs official duties.

Membership 285,740. Net gain 6,144. Number of members residing out of Illinois 32,389.

The Grand Orator, Charles S. Deneen spoke about some phases of the National Government and their operation as a sequel to his address on the "Reign of Law" delivered last year. The Grand Orator is well qualified to speak as he had been Governor of the State and law adviser of the Government. His address was most informing and educative, though all might perhaps not agree with all that he so forcibly said. The following will illustrate:

So we reserved from the government more power than had ever been reserved from any government in the history of the world. When our fathers formed this government, they feared power would be lodged in one person, so they separated the government into three departments, the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial, but the boundary between the three wasn't clearly defined. President Wilson had greater authority at home and also abroad, than any other ruler elsewhere during the world war. Our forefathers were fearful of having one man control our government, and so that he might not create a powerful political faction and usurp the governing power, they have limited the presidential term to four years. The government asserted

its authority over all the property. They limited the term of the members of the House of Representatives to two years so that their acts might be subject to review. Our forefathers had great confidence in courts. They believed the citizens should settle their difference before impartial men, and they gave us our courts. They gave our courts larger powers than ever in the history of the world. While our forefathers had great confidence in courts, they were suspicious of judges, and they provided that any suit involving one hundred dollars or over might be tried by a jury.

As this country of ours is now having business all over the world, it is necessary for us, as a government, to protect it, and advance our trade, because if we don't have the foreign trade, we will not have work at home.

We have succeeded in bringing men from all lands to our shores. Nothing like it was ever before known, in such numbers. And we have insisted only, that those who come to us, come with certain fundamentals.

In our city, about twenty thousand that have criminal instincts are roaming around the streets making material for our courts. These the police and militia can deal with, but the thing that keeps the peace, after all, is public sentiment and our law abiding citizens will never consent to the criminal class governing our cities. I want to emphasize the laws of the Masonic lodge, the churches and the schools, the importance of those who teach and set examples to others, of maintaining and enforcing the law.

The rights of everybody are more important than anybody, and the prosperity of everybody is more important than the prosperity of anybody.

The Jurisprudence Committee report at length saying incidentally:

Yet we are well aware that in this or any other temple enterprise, financial embarrassment which results in loss of money to creditors of the enterprise or to individual Masons who are contributing of their means to the furtherance of such enterprise, tends unavoidably to bring Masonry into disrepute.

A very unique and interesting voting chart is printed in the Proceedings prepared by the G.M. showing the method of taking votes on all possible occasions, that is whether by ballot, by show of hands, by majority, by two-thirds or by unanimity. This is "worth while" to all Grand Masters who have problems of this nature submitted to them for solution.

Canada's grand representative was not among those who answered the roll call.

Bro. Davenport was presented with the usual P.G.M. jewel and these words were used:

The purity of its metal and the beauty of its design are emblematical of the purity of the fraternal affection which gives it and of the beauty of that venerable institution in whose service you have earned it. I understand that you have in your home two fine youths who call you father. We sincerely hope you will be spared to see those two sons become Master Masons.

A most artistic and unique inset accompanies the Proceedings, delicate in its coloring, chaste in its outline and convincing in its completeness, showing the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan with its Memorial Hospital, its Men's Building, its Women's Building, its Administration Building, its farm buildings and other attractive and philanthropic details. Many pages are devoted to these two great monuments of the generous and forward progress of Illinois.

The representative of Canada near Illinois is Bro. Sylvester O. Spring of Chicago.

M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach again writes the Correspondence Report and from his foreword we take the following sentences:

A mixed undertone is detected throughout the addresses of the various grand masters during the past year. A spirit of optimism, tinged with more or less disappointment, may be noted—optimism because of the continued solid advancement and growth of the fraternity, and disappointment because of the more or less prevalent lack of respect for and observance of the laws of the fraternity and of the Nation.

The permanence of a republic depends upon the adherence of all its citizens to all its laws and a nation is headed for disaster when its best citizens will choose the laws to be observed and the laws to be disregarded.

One subject worthy of special mention is the effort made by many grand lodges to provide for the higher education of their wards, through college and university training or specialization in various arts and crafts for which the children have shown special adaptability.

Canada 1925 (printed as 1926) is briefly and comprehensively reviewed.

We are glad to find England so fully treated and in such friendly fashion. We excerpt the following from the review:

The board deprecates the practice of some lodges in exempting certain persons from paying dues although there is no objection to such action in the case of secretaries whose services are equivalent to the usual dues or lodge subscription.

The committee condemns all manner of political activity on the part of the lodges adhering religiously to the old custom of such activity. They also condemn all manner of advertising by Masons for business purposes by means of Masonic certificates publicly exhibited.

The board considers it a reason for congratulation that so many Masons are exhibiting a keen interest in Masonic education and are making use of the Masonic library in Freemason's hall.

The report on New York is taken up largely with what is of international interest, namely, the Masonic International Association and even the correspondence is reprinted in full. It is the outstanding feature of the review and this same subject is very satisfyingly treated also under the Philippine Islands who analyze the conditions and with-draw from the Association. We are glad that our colleague agrees with us in our high estimate of the Philippines.

The grand lodge of the Philippines is alert in its opposition to the efforts of those who seek to nullify the existing separation of church and state by making religious instruction in the public schools obligatory.

Big little Wyoming puts the matter of physical perfection in brief as follows, and with this we conclude:

The only provision as to the subject in our code is found in the ancient constitution, wherein it is stated as follows: "Only candidates may know, that no master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's Lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow craft in due time, even after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs," thus declaring two chief things to be necessary: One that an applicant must be able to meet the requirements of the ritual and, two, that he be able, honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, so that, if the physical deformity does not amount to an inability to meet such requirements it does not become a hindrance to the applicant's receiving the degrees.

INDIANA

M.W. Brother Albert W. Funkhouser, Grand Master.

The foreword to the Proceedings by W. H. Swintz, the Grand Secretary says:

On the first day, May 25th, 1926, the representatives, visitors and friends enjoyed a musical program in the Grand Lodge Auditorium, given by a mixed orchestra composed of girls and boys from the Indiana Masonic Home.

The excursion to the Home left the Union Station May 26, 1926, with 581 passengers. Many made the trip by automobile. It is indeed gratifying to have so many visit the Home and then be able to describe it from personal knowledge.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Meeting was held in Indianapolis. No less than twenty Past Grand Masters reported for duty, service and counsel. Canada's Grand Representative as in so many U.S. Jurisdictions, did not answer the roll call.

The speech given by P.G.M. Judge Hanan in response for Panama is interesting and informative:

Among other recognitions obtained during the past two years is by England, Scotland, Kentucky, Tennessee and California. In fact, all of the large jurisdictions except Illinois and Pennsylvania have recognized Panama.

The failure of Illinois to recognize them is due largely to a report made eight years ago. The basis of the refusal was due to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Panama can not show a direct pedigree from the Grand Lodge of England.

The second consideration is on account of the Scottish Rite pedigree.

There are eight subordinate lodges constituted under the Jurisdiction of Panama and one lodge working under dispensation. One Lodge is composed solely of distinguished citizens of Chinese Colony. Five of the lodges work in Spanish and three in English.

The Masonic Order in the Canal Zone is under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and there is much intercourse between the Masons of the Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama, and the work becomes more or less alike.

In the Annual Address of the then Grand Master, Brother Victor Jesurun, last year, he said.

"For that reason, of all the glories and all the conquests of our institution, none are as great to the true Mason as the intimate satisfaction of our conscience for the good that we practice."

That of Grand Representative Litus for the Philippine Islands was also interesting:

The Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children is a non-stock corporation, organized in 1924 under the laws of the Philippine Islands. The Philippine Grand Lodge is fathering this organization.

Since the union of the English speaking and Spanish speaking lodges, which occurred about four years ago, the Philippine Grand Lodge has been functioning much more harmoniously than before.

The representative of Virginia in presenting a gavel said:

To state the history of Indiana fully, we are forced to use a Hibernian form of expression, and to say that Virginia was the State of Indiana before there ever existed a State of Indiana.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following expressions of his thoughts:

The conscientious and efficient discharge of the duties of Grand Master is a man-sized job.

Weak lodges are taking on new life and interest; new and better Masonic homes are being erected, and the dignity and standards of Masonic character preserved. The future is full of promise and the rainbow of hope bends over us.

No one can really appreciate the great heart and fine spirit of Freemasonry without a personal visit to our greatest monument of Masonry, a real Home for our unfortunate brethren, destitute widows and helpless orphans.

He laid the cornerstones of one Church, three Public School Buildings and four Temples. Pictures of the Temples adorn the Proceedings, specially beautiful ones being those at Muncie and South Bend.

Lotteries are being put down with firm discipline throughout the United States Jurisdictions; the G.M. says:

A number of lodges in the same city arranged to raffle an automobile, and sold "chances" through a committee called "St. John's League". My attention was called to the matter, and I directed that the money be refunded for the tickets sold and the whole matter dropped. This was promptly done.

Although the Grand Master actually permitted the Eastern Star to "continue to use our lodge-rooms as in the past" yet he did have this sense of propriety thus expressed:

It would be improper to install any fixtures which could not be removed at the close of each meeting by the Star, so as to leave the lodge room without any ornaments other than strictly Masonic ornaments.

With regard to funerals he held wisely:

That after the lodge had been regularly opened it was permissible for the Worshipful Master to call any Master Mason in good standing to conduct a funeral service. A lodge is certainly fortunate in having someone who is both willing and able to properly pay the last respects for a deceased brother.

As to social functions and "dark" precincts of the lodgeroom in session he says:

It has been my idea that a Masonic Temple, should be made popular and attractive, not only for lodge purposes but for social purposes; that it should be a real Masonic home, where a Mason can be assured of an "open house" any week day night.

For this purpose many lodges have created libraries where brothers can drop in and read Masonic and other magazines, newspapers, and other current literature, as well as books. Many such Temples are supplied with musical instruments, radios, phonographs and other things which serve to entertain and attract. Many brothers who would otherwise not frequent the Temple at all are by these means drawn in touch with Masons and Freemasonry, and my observation is that the attendance of lodges is thereby increased, and results in increased interest in the Fraternity.

We do not suppose that all Grand Masters will agree with him in this answer to an enquiry:

I answered that it was a very common practice, and in my judgment a very beautiful one, for a Mason's wife, daughter or sister to wear Masonic jewelry.

No less than three charges based upon the unlawful use of the United States mails were preferred against brethren and adequate punishment duly administered.

The Grand Master of Indiana appears to be in supreme command even to a higher degree than the G.M. of Pennsylvania, and he is down on liquor with no uncertain sound. He not merely set aside the acquittal on the action of several lodges in respect of parties found guilty of violating the Eighteenth Amendment, but he also directed a new trial and apparently indicated to them what the verdict must be. He thus reports the result:

Without exception adequate sentences were imposed, most of them either expulsion or indefinite suspension.

I have made a conscientious effort in the discharge of duty to protect the sacred Altar of Masonry from pollution and disgrace, and almost without exception the Brethren of Indiana have responded like true men and Masons.

Under Masonic morals and the law we quote the following as an example of the demagogic vigor of language of which he is capable:

The only danger we need apprehend will be from within and not from without our Order. The assaults of our traditional enemies we can view with monumental calm, but we will do well to carefully guard our own gates. Duty, honor and gratitude require each of us to preserve the good name of the Fraternity unsullied. This must be our constant care. We can best serve by example rather than by precept.

It is a shameful fact that the gun-toting bootlegger is kept in business by the so-called upper classes in America. His best customer is not the tough of the underworld, but the fashionable clubman.

Thus does the underworld support and enlarge the underworld.

The gunman, whether bandit or bootlegger, will be above the law so long as the clubman and the bridge player are allowed to flaunt and defy it, and the workingman will demand his beer as long as the four hundred are allowed their cocktails.

We know some very decent clubmen and bridge players in Canada and the upper 400 are as respectable as the lower.

History repeats itself, and Masonry is again, as it has been many times in the past, the Reserve Army of Civilization.

Membership 126,215. Increase 2,113. Average membership of lodges 226. Active lodges 557.

He thus concludes his comprehensive address:

So far as you Masters are concerned, I trust that you will impress it on the minds of your members and secretaries that the office of secretary is an exceedingly important one, so that each of you may give the matter some thought, and try to make your secretary willing to give the time and attention necessary without feeling that he is being imposed upon.

The report on the Masonic Home contains this information:

Our school naturally is the greatest factor in the Home life. The interest in and the progress of school work seems to increase each year. The children are enthused, interested in their work, proud of their surroundings and, being free from the detracting influence which so often prevails in other schools, have made splendid progress in their work.

The motto on the corner stone of our school building is as follows: "Education is Masonry's Greatest Legacy to Her Children," and in child welfare work especially, it is obvious to all that the health and education of the child is the most important in its career.

Our schools are a part of the city schools of Franklin

Business records are wisely insisted upon in Indiana, the Grand Lecturer saying:

It is the duty of every Worshipful Master to see to it that his lodge is provided with the adopted cash books and membership ledger, so as to safeguard the honor of his lodge as well as to protect the good names of his Treasurer and Secretary.

On an appeal by a Brother who had been found guilty of immoral and un-Masonic conduct the Committee say :

While the accused had the right to refuse to testify, yet, if he was innocent of the charges, it was his moral and Masonic duty to testify, meet the evidence of the accuser and make any explanations that he could on behalf of himself and for the good of Masonry. Such charges not only affect the accused, but affect the lodge and the Masonic Order injuriously, as a rule. There was evidence introduced which, if properly objected to by the accused, would have been inadmissible, but on the whole we are of the opinion that the lodge reached the right conclusion.

The distinguished Dead are thus honoured:

Life is a mystery as deep as ever death can be;
Yet, oh how sweet it is to us, this life we live and see.
Then might they say, those vanished ones, and blessed
 is the thought,
So death is sweet to us, beloved, though we may tell
 you naught;
We may not tell it to the quick, this mystery of death;
Ye cannot tell us, if ye would, the mystery of breath.
None but immortal eyes may view, complete in all its
 parts,
The Temple formed of LIVING STONES—the struc-
 ture made of hearts.

Under students' residence the Jurisprudence Committee rule "one's Masonic residence is the same as his legal residence".

The Committee on Grievances give the proper line of directions by the Grand Master in ordering a new trial, saying:

Upon review of the record, where a penalty has plainly been inflicted not commensurate with the facts, the Grand Master may order a new trial and that a verdict should be rendered according to the law and evidence in the case.

Birthday Greetings were sent to former Grand Chaplain Lathrop on his attaining his 100th birthday.

The Representative of Canada is Elias J. Jacoby and at the time of this meeting our late honoured Bro. A. M. Cunningham of Hamilton, represented Indiana with us.

M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay is in charge of the Correspondence and submits his thirteenth review.

Under British Columbia he says:

In reviewing a subject Brother DeWolf-Smith either agrees or disagrees. His arguments are always clear and leave no doubt in the mind of the reader as to his convictions.

Florida elicited this comment and citation:

The real estate dealers of Florida did not get much sympathy from the Grand Master when they tried to use Masonry to help on their sales.

The lodges of Orlando promptly and properly announced in the Orlando papers that the scheme was not authorized by the Fraternity and that Masonry did not allow or tolerate any business venture to be conducted under the guise of being sanctioned by Masonry.

The Grand Master of Nebraska having made nine recommendations which were not approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, yet were adopted by Grand Lodge over their objection. The G.M. must be of dynamic persuasive power.

Canada is reviewed under the name of Ontario and many quotations from the Grand Master's address and from the report on the Condition of Masonry as well as our own foreword are given. He comments upon Canada as being very complete and interesting.

With his review of Quebec we close—the quotation cannot be too often reprinted:

From the well written Address of the Grand Master we quote as follows:

There are excessive ritualists who will split hairs over a word or accent while all the while they are wholly unmindful of the spirit enshrined in the form. Cases have been known where "good men and true" have been barred from a lodge because of some trifling difference in a password or grip. This is surely to caricature Masonry. Have we not all known Brethren who were moved by the highest and fullest spirit of Masonry and yet were profoundly unlettered in the use of forms?

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M. W. Bro. T. W. Wellington, Grand Master.

From the biography of the Grand Master we learn that like so many Past Grand Masters, his boyhood days were spent upon the farm, he then became a teacher and studied law and for many years has been the Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service of the United States. He takes all activities of life seriously but genially and has all the sterling qualities of the man.

Seven full page illustrations of the Officers of Grand Lodge add to its interest and we specially welcome the privilege to see eye to eye Louis Block.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication was, after witnessing the moving picture films of the Past Grand Masters, held in Des Moines, June 8th, 1926. The Grand Chaplain uttered this invocation:

May the great principles of our Order, born of God and perpetuated by our fellow Craftsmen across the preceding centuries find enrichment and enlargement as we tarry together here.

Mayor Hunter of Des Moines, himself a Brother Mason—to whom Masonry means much—said in his address of welcome.

This is a Cause; and you men are carrying the torch. You are right now the doers of deeds, and those of us who are laymen reap the benefits even as will future thousands in the years to come.

Men may come and men may go but the principles for which this great Order stands will go on forever.

In the response by Deputy Grand Master Peters we read:

The fact that Masonry is of ancient origin is not the real cause of its greatness.

Not the least important of these activities is its endeavors to secure a more loyal, a more enthusiastic, and a more patriotic citizenship.

One of the most serious matters with which we are confronted to-day is the spirit of discontent that exists.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters added wisdom, strength and beauty to the Grand East.

We make these inquiring and responsive selections from the Grand Master's address:

Why has the farmer from his fresh turned field, the mechanic from his bench, the merchant from his counter, the judge from his Temple of Justice, the Divine from his sacred altar—why have these men from all walks of life gathered about our sacred altar of brotherhood? If any hope of selfish benefit or gain brings us hither, disappointment will be our lot. We have come here in the interests of an altruistic, unselfish brotherhood. We have come here to be serviceable to our fellowmen.

What is Masonry? What is its paramount purpose? It requires belief in and dependence upon God, but it is not a theology; it teaches the most exalted moral precepts and holds high the standard of character-building, but it is not a religion; it encourages the social virtues and teaches the loftiest precepts of that divine virtue, charity, but these are but means to an end. May we not say then that Masonry is a uniting of all these virtues into one great purpose, and that purpose is to create a brotherhood of God-fearing, upright men who are actuated by a consuming desire to be of service to their fellow men?

I have found during the year that a knowledge of the fundamentals of municipal law has been of tremendous assistance in solving some of the questions which arose.

We would do well to recognize that for three or four years Iowa has been reaping the inevitable results of the unwise speculation and inflation of war times. The economic situation is not good. This situation, however, is not hopeless.

On the other hand, I would not have you impair our worthy activities by unwise parsimony.

No less than 15 cornerstones were laid and of this fine function of Grand Lodge the G.M. says:

I was especially pleased at the large number of Boards of Education which requested this ceremony. Masons have ever been friends of the public schools. We believe in a free government and such government can exist only where there is an enlightened citizenship. This ceremony of laying cornerstones is one of the most important and impressive ceremonies in Masonry. It enables the uninitiate to get a glimpse of the beauty and sublimity of our teaching. In the case of school buildings, especially, the children gather round to witness the ceremony and the impressions which they receive will long abide with them.

Of the illustrious Dead he quotes:

Thus pass away the men of might,

Whose noiseless foot-prints stamp the age;

Their thoughts that filled the earth with light

Still glow and blaze on memory's page.

His decisions are of much interest. From them we select the following:

A Mason's widow re-marries. Later she is divorced. Is she entitled to relief as the widow of a Master Mason? Held, that her status as a widow of a Mason was destroyed when she re-married and it was not revived by the divorce. She was therefore not entitled to assistance.

While Masons as individuals are encouraged to lend assistance to all worthy undertakings, lodge funds cannot be used for other than lodge purposes.

A Master intended to remove to another State. He offers an oral resignation in open lodge and it is accepted by the lodge. Later he decides to continue in Iowa, and desires to continue to serve as Master. He claims that his resignation was not legal for the reason that it was not in writing. Held, that this provision is for the protection of absent officers. That if he failed to put it in writing the error was his, and that he cannot profit by his own wrong. The resignation was held to be valid.

Of the "Bulletin" which is known all over this Continent, the G.M. says:

The Bulletin should be made a "clearing house" for the Masonic events of Iowa. The Bulletin is sent to every Mason in Iowa who requests it.

We think he is unduly afraid of that bogey of some exclusive Jurisdictions, called the General Grand Lodge, an institution which does not exist. However the G.M. is entitled to his own opinions and his opinion is this:

In Iowa there are 86,000 Masons, 550 lodges. Do we need some super-organization to lead our foot-steps aright, to dictate to us the wording of our ritual, to force upon us laws and customs unfitted to our experiences?

The economic situation is an important factor in the Craft. The G.M. says:

The spirit of Masonry burns brightly on our altars, the lodges are improving in ritualistic work, brotherly love prevails. But we must not shut our eyes to the effect which the economic situation is having on our lodges.

Of Masonry, present and past he says in his conclusion:

We need not be ashamed of the record of American Masons in their love and devotion to our flag and our Constitution. We believe in peace, but we do not believe in that pacifism which would leave this country defenseless before a rapacious world.

Not one star shall be erased from that azure field.

May I quote a few words from an historian who did not labor under that delusion of modern criticism, that Masonry is a creation of recent years:

More than a thousand years before the coming of the Son of Man a little company of cunning workmen from Tyre were assembled on Mount Moriah at the call of the wise King of Israel. Later it burst upon the dark ages and produced those monuments of genius—the cathedrals. After the year 1717 we find it no longer operative. Now it is moral and benevolent.

It still stands like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the soil.

On the death of P.G.M. Arthur, one of the Judges of Iowa, he quotes from the Great Light:

Know ye not that there is a Judge and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

Grand Secretary C. C. Hunt is also Grand Librarian. He prefaces his report as Grand Secretary with this suggestion:

Masonry is Duty, and its honors the reward of work, which is the performance of Duty.

Membership 86,139.

Of the educational work of Grand Lodge the G.S. says:

The educational work of the Grand Lodge is covered in departments known as the "Half Hour Study Club," the "Masonic Service Committee" and "Echoes from the Library." News originating "With the Craft Abroad" is covered under this heading.

His librarian report is prefaced by these pregnant words of Samuel Johnson:

No man should consider so highly of himself as to think he can receive but little light from books, nor so meanly as to believe he can discover nothing but what is to be learned from them.

To the Masons of Iowa the library is an institution and a factor in progress. It leads the world, and of it the Grand Librarian says:

A normal and healthy demand for Traveling Libraries

based upon direct and unsolicited requests of lodge officers or brethren, has existed during the past year.

Library science is a product of evolutionary methods in the acquisition, care and use of literature.

One must also know what not to do, as well as to be informed upon what to do, for pitfalls await the unwary.

One case contains casts and original specimens of implements used by primitive man; two tall cases following display pottery and implements of Ancient Egypt, the Mound Builders and the Aztecs and later Indians of Mexico. Two cases of Indian relics from Iowa and surrounding territory depict the skill.

Library work is never finished.

The Committee are as enthusiastic as the Librarian himself, saying in their fine report:

What a wonderful possession is this great library of ours! There is not another like it in the world and we of Iowa are justly proud of our great possession, an institution that has spread its fame both far and wide, and is largely responsible for the enviable place Iowa holds among its sister jurisdictions.

The In Memoriam pages are preceded by this verse by Dryden:

Since every man who lives is born to die,
And none can boast sincere felicity,
With equal mind what happens let us bear,
Nor joy nor grieve for things beyond our care.
Like pilgrims to the appointed place we tend;
The world's an inn, and death the journey's end.

As usual the Fraternal Correspondence by Louis Block, P.G.M., is an upstanding feature. His Foreword on "Two Masonic Essentials" is an illustration itself of that which he advocates—instruction, knowledge and brotherhood. For the edification of our Brethren we quote at length:

Our own Monitor tells us that "Freemasonry" is a thing in which "the attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue" and one in which "Tools and implements of architecture have been selected by the Fraternity to imprint on the memory wise and serious truths.

All of which would seem quite clearly to indicate that Masonry is at bottom an institution for teaching—for instruction.

Not only is Masonry an institution for teaching, but its teaching is to be done in a certain particular way all its own—a way that strikes the novice as most strange and

singular withal—not the way of direct statement, but by the way of indirection, which consists in the use of “types,” “emblems,” “symbols,” and “allegorical figures”.

Perhaps we shall find that a simple recourse to the dictionary will prove a source not only of solution, but of salvation as well. Salvation may be “free,” but most of us have by this time found that if we are to get much of it, we must dig for it.

A look in the “big book” tells us that the word “type” comes from a Greek word that means “the mark left by a blow”—doesn’t mean a thing itself, but a sign of some other thing. The word “emblem” comes from two other Greek words which mean “laid in”, “inlaid”, or “imbedded” as a mark of a sign of something. The word “symbol” is defined as “that which stands for something else.” It also comes to us from the Greeks—from two words meaning “to put or throw together,” that is to suggest one thing by associating it with another.

The word “allegory” also comes from the Greeks—from two words which mean “to speak of one thing under the guise or image of another,” that is, apparently to say one thing, but really to mean another.

A “figure” we are told is a certain something which stands for, re-presents (i.e., presents again to our eyes) not itself, but the thing for which it stands.

It is these things we have just been defining that the Craft have strung into strands, like pearls upon a string, to make what we call the “ritual” and “lectures” of our institution.

A “ritual” is defined as “the form or forms of conducting worship” also “a form of ceremonies observed by an organization.” The word “ceremony” comes from a Latin word signifying the outward forms used to give expression to an inward religion, and is defined as “a series of acts of a symbolical character, prescribed by custom or authority, for the conduct of important matters.”

But there is another side to the picture. The Mason must not only know his ritual, but he must come to know what that ritual really means.

That is one of the reasons why we Masons have a cyclopaedia, books of history, biography, tradition, lectures, essays, not to speak of a wonderful poetry all our own.

Masonry is no shallow thing—it is a deep and a wonderful thing, a thing in every way worthy the mind of man.

And what a wonderful message the ritual has for the Mason when once he grasps its meaning!

It proclaims with a voice whose power stirs the very soul that a man should be valued not for what he has, but for what he is; that no brother of the mystic tie—much less the loved ones he leaves behind—shall ever suffer for want

of food, shelter, or clothing, for friendly sympathy, or from inability to face the battle of life armed by the strong and sure sword of an education—that a man should share what he has with the bereft brother who has not, never knowing how soon he, himself, may become that same bereft and distressed brother—it proclaims the doctrine of the universal and world wide Sonship of Man under the divine Father.

All these are hidden away in our great Masonic ritual, waiting for each Mason to discover and possess them for his very own, provided only he will but take the two great steps without the taking of which he can never find them at all, which are, first, to know his ritual, and, second, to come to know what it means.

We are introduced to Alabama thus:

By the adoption of a resolution the Brethren of Alabama gave to one Mussolini, of Italian notoriety, a long distance spanking in words and figures.

This man Mussolini will surely make a muss of things for he seems to be pretty much like the nigger's mule who wasn't blind, but just didn't give a —.

Brother Fred Wall, as Committee on Foreign Correspondence, turned out an excellent report. This he did under adverse circumstances, because in his preface he tells us of his suffering.

This fine report simply shows what good stuff can be forged in the fires of physical agony, if only the workman be possessed of a soul that is mightier than the earthly tenement that houses it.

He likes Alberta and gives them a generous review, quoting many verses, among them:

Doubt not that in the worlds above,
There must be other offices of love;
That other tasks and ministries there are,
Since it is promised that His servants there
Shall serve Him still.

Referring to the conduct of the Schools in Hamilton on the Rotary system he says—and we have asked Hamilton to correspond fully with him on the subject:

We would that he had enlightened us as to the nature of this rotary system, but he has simply served to arouse our curiosity without satisfying it.

He analyzes M.W. Bro. Drope's address very fully:

While on this subject Bro. Drope called the attention of his hearers to the fact that there was a growing tendency on the part of private lodges to pass on to the Grand Lodge the obligations which the lodges themselves could and should discharge.

Concerning the subject of the Ku Klux Klan, Bro. Drope made some very pertinent remarks.

We blush with pleasure as we read these comments on our review:

We are glad to note that the seat at our Round Table is again occupied by Ponton who once more submits one of the excellent reports that have given him so fine a reputation in Masonic literary circles. Bro. Ponton is at once a scholar, a sage, a writer, a jurist, and a prophet.

Brother Ponton refers to Brother Hunt's Trial Manual, saying that such a thing would no doubt be as useful in Canada as in Iowa.

He discriminates between De Molay and other Societies very justly under Colorado as follows:

As we see it, it is hardly fair to class the Order of DeMolay for Boys with these shabby barnacle societies. This for two reasons: First, membership in the DeMolay is not based on Masonic membership, and, second, it is a boys' and not a men's order.

Here is an excerpt from Bro. Block's Connecticut which applies to all, block by block:

The conferring of the work, in one sense, falls very far short of making a Mason out of the candidate. That is a thing which he alone, in the last analysis, must make of himself, by coming to know the principles, aims, ideals and purposes of the Order, and by making his life unfold beautifully in conformity with these.

The poet must have been thinking of our Institution when he said:

Oh block by block with sore and sharp endeavor,
Lifelong we build these human natures up
Into a Temple fit for Freedom's shrine.

The Grand Master of West Virginia wished to link up with the Masonic Service Association and to increase the educational facilities of the Brethren but the Jurisprudence Committee, with too much prudence, turned it down, producing this comment from our confrere:

And the Grand Lodge sustained the committee and turned down the Grand Master. Somehow this reminds us of the ancient nursery rhyme which runs as follows:

I vos a liddle Tutchman.
My name iss Van der Doos
Und vot I doos not know mineself,
I neffer wants to knows.

Bro. Block's Afterword is on the "Symbolism of the Acacia". He heads it with the following quotations:

Welcome the day which can destroy only my physical man in ending my uncertain life. In my better part I shall be raised to immortality above the lofty stars, and my name shall never die.—Ovid.

'Tis true; 'tis certain; man though dead retains
Part of himself; the immortal mind remains.—Homer.

And again instructionally says:

The word "survive" comes to us from two Latin words, meaning "over" and "live," or in other words to "live over or beyond." Its synonym is given as "outlive." In its intransitive form the word means "to remain alive, or existent." In no case does it mean to go dead, and come to life again. It means just one thing and no other, and that is to keep on living.

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be
never;

Never was time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams!
Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit
for ever;

Death hath not touched it at all, dead though the house of
it seems!

For us the immortality of the soul is a law, as eternal, as unchanging, as inflexible, as inevitable, as unvarying in its action as any other law of nature, for it is but a rule laid down by the Great Architect upon the trestle-board of the universe.

When I have laid aside this cloak of flesh!
I shall be up and doing! I shall find
New golden chances for my busy mind!
New souls to love—old friends to serve and bless—
When I am born anew, to Righteousness!
When I am strong and clean and fit to be
God's servant to my kind, eternally.!

IRELAND

M.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P. Grand Master.

Stated Communication, Dublin, St. John's Day,
27th December, 1926.

Referring to the late Bro. Oliver Fry, Grand Treasurer, the Grand Master in his address pays him this very human tribute:

He was a man who never spared himself, but I think he was at the same time the least ostentatious worker that I ever came across. He always had everything at his finger's end, and the information that he gave you was always prodigally at your disposal. He never forced his

knowledge upon you, and I believe that that was one of the secrets of his enormous success. It was not only that he did everything that he ought to do, but he was always ready to go out of his way to perform any of those extra little duties which, to use a familiar phrase, did so much "to make the show run well".

Any extra lubrication that could be provided by him was always there when it was asked for. We have lost a very warm friend, but we cherish a warm memory of him.

In the events of the year he chronicles South Africa specially:

Brethren, the chief constitutional landmark during the last twelve months was, of course, the division of the Province of South Africa into two, so that we now have there the Province of South Africa (Northern Division), which is more or less coterminous with what used to be known as the Orange Free State and the Transvaal.

I always rejoice when our Grand Officers find time to visit our distant units. I myself have had an opportunity of being a member of a distant unit, and I can give you first hand evidence that such visits are greatly appreciated by our brethren, who are as keen on our work as we are, though situated many thousand miles away.

Grand Lodge met in Belfast in October and he thus refers to it:

Our brethren in Belfast gave us a splendid welcome, both in Lodge and in festivity afterwards. We are looking forward next October to our visit to Cork.

The Provincial Grand Master of Down having had his portrait presented, the Grand Master says truly, and the Irish touch will be noted all through his address:

I had the opportunity of seeing the portrait before, I think, it was supposed to be made public, and I can certify that not only is it a good token of affection for our dear friend, but it also is a very good representation of him which is rather a lottery that we sometimes meet in the matter of portraits.

As to good research work well done he says:

I am glad to notice the visit of the lodge of Research to County Cork. It is by the work of our brethren of the Lodge of Research, and those who work in combination with them, that we know a great deal more about what our Masonic ancestors did than can be said of people in some other walks of life, and they all show that the spirit of Masonry, which we are so proud of, comes down to us from fine progenitors. We are thus instigated to carry on our work, and transmit it unsullied to our successors.

New Zealand has received a wonderful bequest to which he thus refers, at the same time giving us interesting information as to the four fold Craft there:

A very interesting thing is chronicled, which I confess is new to me. W. Bro. S. Kirkpatrick has died in New Zealand, and he has left all his fortune for the foundation of a Masonic Female Orphan School at Nelson. He was an English Freemason, but the four Grand Lodges in New Zealand have equal jurisdiction. They retain authority over the Lodges which were there when the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed.

I am sure your good wishes will go forth to this new Masonic Charity, in the hope that it will be as great a comfort to those who benefit by it as our own similar Charity is here at home.

Through a legacy from Dr. Kelly in Ireland, four scholarships are now available for the higher education of four past pupils of the Boys' School.

Some one evidently subscribed for the Grand Master at a lottery on which he comments thus. He accepts the very good results:

I am not a gambler, not, perhaps, very much on moral grounds, for I think gambling is a very silly thing, but I was astonished a few months ago to get a letter saying that I was successful in a lottery which gave me the right to nominate to a Scholarship for a girl or a boy under a system of emigration to one of our great Dominions.

As to the future he concludes:

We are on splendid terms with the civil Government, as we always ought to be. Freemasonry offers us all an opportunity of doing good to our brother Masons, and at the same time of proving ourselves, in the face of the world better citizens.

R.W. Bro. Mr. Justice Fitz Gibbon was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for 1927.

An idea of the standing of the men at the head of the Irish Craft will be gathered from the fact that in addition to Lord Donoughmore, G.M., the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Best is Senior Grand Warden, Colonel the Rt. Hon. R. H. Wallace, Junior Grand Warden, Sir Robert Baird, Grand Registrar, His Grace, The Lord Primate, Senior Grand Chaplain, J. H. Stirling, Provincial Grand Master of Antrim and so on along the whole high level line.

The Grand Lodge Board's Resolutions confirmed by Grand Lodge include the following:

Members of the Craft are strictly forbidden to use the fact of their membership as a means of promoting business or of securing private advantage. They are forbidden to use any of the emblems of Freemasonry on a sign or in any other way on business premises, business correspondence paper, or in connection with any business advertisement.

The Board in the first instance considered the question as to whether a Brother who had ceased to be a subscribing member of the Order was entitled to bring a charge against another Brother and ruled that inasmuch as every Mason who had taken the O.B. of the Third Degree is bound by it so long as he lives, whether he continues to subscribe or not, or even if he is suspended or expelled from the Order, non subscription does not debar a Brother from charging another brother with violation of that O.B. towards himself.

It is and has always been, entirely contrary to Masonic practice to allow decisions of the Civil Courts to be made the subject of further dispute between brethren before either Grand Lodge or any of its Boards or Committees—such decisions must be accepted as final and cannot even be reviewed by any Masonic Tribunal.

The Deputy Grand Master made the following statement:

It is not only his privilege but his bounden duty to ensure that nothing which contravenes our Laws or tends to subvert our Antient Landmarks is brought under discussion. His judgment is final and cannot be disputed, on the other hand if he allows any objectionable matter to pass his censorship he cannot evade his responsibility to Grand Lodge and to the Order. This is the universal Constitutional practice in these Islands, alike in Parliament and Grand Lodge, especially it is so in Masonry, and, as I have said, applies to every Presiding Officer, whether of Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodge, Board or Committee.

From the report of R.W. Bro. J. H. Stirling, well known in Canada, we take the following sentences:

I am still of opinion, however, that at least half-a-dozen lodges in the City of Belfast have a membership considerably beyond the point where effective Masonic fellowship can be maintained amongst their members, and that they might, with advantage to themselves and to the Order, arrange to divide.

All the Provincial Grand Masters reported fully and most interestingly.

Many donations were given to the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and many books purchased.

The annual Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

The Masonic Female Orphans' School numbers 105 pupils on the roll. One of them obtained the Royal Society's Medal in a competitive examination for which there were 15,000 entrants.

The Masonic Orphan Boys' School numbers 102 pupils on the roll. Some were fitted for posts in the Bank of Ireland and grants were made to no less than fifteen most deserving candidates pending election.

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., represents Ireland with us and is proud of it.

The last numbered lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction is 1009.

Grand Lodge received from Lodges during the year £7,779.

Some of the Lodge names are deliciously fragrant of the Old Sod, such as Portrush, Ballymena, B'lym'-carrett, M'untp'ttinger, Letterkenney, Cargycreevy, M'gheramorne, Castleblaney, Ballynafeigh, Enniscorthy, Monaghan, Mullingar.

KANSAS

M. W. Brother John W. Neilson, Grand Master.

The Seventy-first Annual Communication was held in Wichita, 23rd February, 1927. The opening invocation concluded with these majestic lines:

Kings of the earth, and all people: princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men, and maidens: old men, and children:
Let them praise the name of the Lord: for His name alone
is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters served in the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer at the altar but there was a splendid representation of other Jurisdictions, no less than 56 being present.

Pictures of the fine new Kansas Grand Lodge

Building at Topeka, (both exterior and interior views), are interspersed through the leaves of the Proceedings.

No epitome can do justice to Grand Master Neilson's address. He approaches subjects which in other hands would be threadbare, from a new point of view and we therefore share with our Brethren many excerpts by way of Masonic education and inspiration, though we exceed our allotted space in so doing. We cannot resist:

The science and art of Freemasonry as a real factor in human progress. I am reminded that our principles and tenets are rooted in the wisdom of antiquity; that our Order has marched down the centuries without a single deviation from its course. Like the mighty Nile which flows through a thousand miles of waste and desert land without a single tributary, the stream of Masonry has moved along undiluted by ingraftment or any form of alloy.

The Mason of today is actuated by the same purpose, is trained in the same lessons and arrives at Masonic goals by the interpretation and application of the same symbols as his brethren of past centuries. For ages past they have made Masons great men, and great men, Masons.

The art of Masonry is the practice of Masonry, the science of Masonry is the knowledge of Masonry. Operative and speculative Masons acquire skill as the physician acquires skill in his practice, or as a painter or musician attains mastery of his art.

Masonic work and devotion has erected a wonderful structure. The masses of men are the quarry, from which comes the strong enduring material. Every one of the mass has more or less possibilities as a rough ashlar. Under the true craftsmanship of workers and masters one may be fitted as a perfect ashlar and be accorded a place in the magnificent masonry of our temple.

The mother has been glad to have her sons kneel at our sacred altar.

The world believes in Masonic integrity. With faith and hope and works, our temple is as steadfast as the Blazing Star in the center of our checkered pavement. Freemasonry must stand as an irresistible bulwark against the onswEEPing tide of selfishness, greed and corruption that is lapping at the foundations of civilization.

Few of the pioneers in Kansas history are left to tell the story of the trials and vicissitudes, the joys and sorrows of those who led the van in the great tide of immigration which flowed into Kansas subsequent to the establishment of the Territory.

Believing that we owe it to our posterity to preserve our wonderful history, it is my recommendation that our Grand Secretary, on account of his personal knowledge of early Masonic events and because he has access to all our printed records, be appointed to compile this history and that he be given additional clerical help, thus relieving him of the routine work of the office.

I also recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to make this possible.

Among his decisions on the ballot are the following which may be useful to refer to when our problems arise:

Minneapolis Lodge balloted upon a petition for the Mysteries of Masonry after having lost jurisdiction over the petitioner by reason of his removal from the State.

Held that election was illegal and directed that the fee be returned to the petitioner.

Brainerd Lodge balloted upon a petition at an adjourned meeting.

Held that ballot was illegal, that petition be again referred to an investigating committee and take the course of an original petition.

Ballot was taken on a petition for the Mysteries in Wakarusa Lodge and result was unfavorable on account of one negative ballot.

Second ballot was ordered, resulting favorably, but count showed all present had not cast ballot.

Third ballot was taken and reported not clear, and petitioner declared rejected.

Held that petitioner was elected on second ballot and that the third ballot was illegal.

He has been a disciplinarian but with discretion. His views are well expressed in the following:

One in authority should refrain from exercising that authority until the situation becomes intolerable and every means of amicable settlement are exhausted, and this is especially true when such drastic action results in the dissolution of an organized lodge, but when all conciliatory means are exhausted no half way decision is conceivable and the issue resolves into the following which must be conceded before there can be peace:

The settlement of every question upon the basis of a free acceptance of that settlement by all concerned.

The consent of all members to be governed in their conduct toward each other by the principles taught in our Masonic law.

There must be a strict observance of the law, based upon the consent of the governed and sustained by an harmonious organization.

The Grand Master denied recognition to extraneous organizations.

Like so many other Grand Jurisdictions, he selects special Commissioners of trial, well qualified, and this system is rapidly taking the place of the old cumbersome and complicated endeavour to get results from massed trials.

This Commission, with commendable dispatch and efficiency, prepared and assembled the necessary blanks for the proper functioning of the law, and the wisdom of the change in procedure in lodge trials has been fully demonstrated during the past year by the elimination of publicity, by overcoming the effect of undue influence and by securing an unbiased decision in the verdict.

It is asked, "Is it enough that we act wisely, justly and swiftly when an imposter has been discovered and our temple profaned?"

Though our aprons may be unspotted and our ashlar perfect, the building may be pointed at with derision because some workman has erred, but recognizing our responsibility, a friendly admonition may prove of greater service to the Craft than the rendering of a judgment.

Let us seek to prevent the evil, that the cure may not be needed.

He analyzes the condition of the Craft very practically and thoughtfully:

The multiplicity of interests, both social and business, is proving a deterrent to lodge attendance and there is no situation of more vital concern to those of us who are interested in the future of Masonry than the lack of attendance at lodge meetings.

The thoughtful, earnest petitioner will be influenced more by the charity that has been dispensed, by the humanitarian service that has been performed or by the moral or patriotic influence that has been exerted than he will by the number of names that are on our rolls.

Only those especially endowed by nature and who are willing to qualify to do the work well should be placed in positions of honor and trust. It is for the membership to decide what that leadership shall be.

One of the fifteen articles in the old Charges for the Master reads as follows: "The Master ought to be wise and discreet and should undertake no work that he cannot perform and complete." An appropriate admonition for the present day officers.

He pays this fine tribute to the Grand Secretary Bro. A. K. Wilson:

Figuratively and literally the work of our Grand Secretary has developed from pages, to chapters and volumes and it is due to his never ending labor and devotion that we have, to-day, records second to none in the galaxy of Grand Jurisdictions.

Of the history of Grand Lodge which is to be prepared, the Grand Secretary says:

It is a task which will require considerable time as it will entail a vast amount of correspondence and labor in securing information which is not now a part of the written records. But few of the early pioneers are left to tell the story and in the preparation of this history one important feature which should not be overlooked is the personal knowledge which the one who is assigned to this task should have of much of the early history of the Craft.

Membership 82,165. Net gain 1,991.

A monument to the memory of two Kansas pioneers was consecrated, this verse being effectively quoted:

"And when the hour of death shall come,
And darkness seal my closing eye,
May hands fraternal bear me home,
The home where weary Masons lie."

W. Bro. Pearl delivered a thoughtful oration of which this example may be an interpreter:

The thought that I would imprint on the memory of you who honor us with your presence is that the thing we are doing today to perpetuate the remembrance of these pioneers in the Masonic Vineyard is a tribute that the wealth of the world cannot purchase.

Has it ever occurred to you that the things of this world that are worth while are unpurchasable when measured in the terms of dollars and cents? The sweet and charming things, the polished intellect, the cultured mind, the graces that adorn and ennoble a life are placed so high on the ladder of fame as to be beyond the reach of everything except service.

The Librarian reports that they have obtained a complete set of the Geographic Magazine bound, from its first issue. There are only three complete sets in existence. He rightly complains of the excessive cost of binding which has increased several hundred per cent. during the past twenty years.

The Committee on Necrology present an able and poetic report from which we take the following verse:

We miss them so,
The loved that go:
Each place they sat, some cloak, some hat,
Some sword, some trinket, favorite chair:—
Day after day we see them there,
Or think we do, and think we hear
Loved voices falling soft and clear:—
How can we help it then but weep
O'er the dear dust of those who sleep.

Another oration by Bro. Harper was heard which is full of instructive matter.

We are assembled today in two capacities.

Because we are individuals, each has his own philosophy of life, his ambitions, his code of behavior. Because we are Masons, educated in the ritual of the craft, with its lessons of sturdy manhood, its precepts of more than legendary value and its commands to maintenance of high ethical standards in our association with our fellow men, we owe to that relationship an ever-faithful loyalty.

The Commissioners of trials report:

Under this procedure there is no longer any excuse by which our lodges can justify themselves for neglecting to rid Masonry of those who, without shame, trample under foot the great principles and high ideals of the institution, a thing which, under the old system became almost impossible.

Then followed a worthy entertainment to which Grand Lodge was treated, described as follows:

In accordance with the announcement of the M.W. Grand Master in his address, the children of the Masonic Home rendered a delightful and entertaining musical program just prior to the evening session of the Grand Lodge.

Of the Home the Committee say:

No feature of our Institution so beautifully typifies the spirit of Masonry as does the work of making for both old and young, a real Home in all that the word implies.

Members of the Fraternity can leave no finer memorial than to arrange perpetually for the care and education of some brother's son or daughter either by direct contributions, provisions in wills, or through insurance policies.

Albert Pike says, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others, remains and is immortal."

In the Home there are 228 guests. The average age of men being 70 years, of women 76 years, of

boys 12 years and of girls 13 years. The average age of those who died was 76 years 9 months. These are statistics not usually furnished.

Still another address, this time on Symbols, was listened to by Grand Lodge, in which the speaker said:

Symbols originating with the First Man, used as the first method of expressing and conveying emotions, ideas, thoughts, are the basis of all languages.

Symbols are closely interwoven with everything which concerns human life and conduct.

"Into the bosom of the one great sea
Flow streams that come from hills on every side,
Their names are various as their springs.
And thus in every land do men bow down
To one great God, though known by many names,
The mighty Being we would worship now."

R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer of Trenton represents Kansas, and he may well be proud of this year's Proceedings of that State. Canada is represented by M.W. Bro. Charles J. Webb.

Grand Secretary Wilson writes the Correspondence Review in his usual vigorous and broad-horizoned style. We do not agree with him always and especially with regard to physical perfection (on which we think Kansas puts too narrow an interpretation) nor with regard to the Masonic Service Association (which we think is doing excellent work) and we must confess that, Kansas to the contrary, the General Conference of Grand Masters appears to have achieved beneficial results, but we fully recognize the broad sweep of his comments and the experience which he brings to bear. From his introduction we take these extracts:

This is the first time during the past twenty-six years that any jurisdiction in this country has shown a net loss in membership. It will be noticed from the table at the close of this report that three jurisdictions show a loss. While the remainder show a total net gain of 79,127. It is 39,935 less than last year.

First, a lack of attendance on the part of the members whose interests, in many cases, are in outside societies or associations predicated their membership on Freemasonry. Second, the great desire on the part of the younger element of today for amusement. Masonry is not now and never has been a place of amusement, neither

was it ever intended for that purpose. This being the case it necessarily follows that many who knocked at our doors during the "rush years" did so without a full understanding of the purposes of our time honored institution. For this reason we can in a large measure, account for the non-attendance and lack of interest of many in the lodges.

The report following embraces a number of subjects which the writer believes will be of importance to our lodges from two points of view: First, that of placing before them what the Masonic world is doing outside of our own jurisdiction, either in support or opposition to the many outside organizations seeking recognition at the hands of Ancient Craft Masonry, some of which are organized for purposes of amusement, while others partake of the nature of self-constituted educational, relief or memorial associations. Second, the selection of portions of reports of Grand Masters, orations and addresses, as well as the more important legislation of Grand Lodges, which should appeal to the brother who is desirous of being informed as to what is being done in other Grand Jurisdictions

The flood of sentiment so prevalent for several years from the time of our entry into the World War carried with it the endorsement of several foreign Grand Lodges by a number of Grand Lodges in this country. Without a single exception our Grand Lodge has declined to recognize any of these bodies.

Canada is very fully reviewed and he makes copious extracts from the address of welcome, from the Grand Master and especially from the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry as an outstanding feature, pages of closely printed excerpts being reproduced for the benefit of Kansas readers.

As to our recognition of Mexico and France he says:

Their Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. We are somewhat surprised, however, that they exchanged Grand Representatives with one of the so-called Grand Lodges of France.

He quotes the whole of our prelude and says that the review is all that one could expect and that it furnishes readers with full information as to the transactions in all other Grand Lodges.

The breach with New Hampshire is not yet healed and incidentally the Grand Secretary of course thinks Kansas absolutely right, saying:

No, we have gone far beyond the "cable tow's" length, and so far as Kansas is concerned the incident is closed.

Our good brethren of New Hampshire prefer to do business without including Kansas on their visiting list.

Under England it is pleasant to read:

We have always thought of Queen Alexandra as of one whose heart was distinguished by the characteristic of charity, the virtue which, as Freemasons we most admire. By charity, we do not mean only the charity that gives, but the greater charity, the charity that thinks no evil, the charity that suffers.

We have noticed a growing impatience in several Grand Jurisdictions of the enormous sums being expended on the Washington Memorial and our confrere has this to say.

It would seem from the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, that our Wyoming brethren are becoming tired of the practice of the Washington Memorial authorities in raising the price of the construction of this edifice.

KENTUCKY

G. Allison Holland, M.W. Grand Master.

The biographer speaks of the retiring Grand Master as a lawyer with an enviable record, and says:

The Hollands of his blood are descended, directly, from the old and powerful Hollands of Lancashire, a stock which has written its name on the tablets of England's history through several centuries, and which today has many sons distinguished in public life, and in the arts and sciences, through the United Kingdom.

In all his dealings he has used that discretion, tact, ability and skill required of one holding a great office at a critical time.

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Louisville, October 19th, 1926. No less than twenty-two out of twenty-nine surviving Past Grand Masters rallied to the call of duty and renewed their youth, a splendid record of loyal fidelity.

The Grand Master's address was a comprehensive document. He speaks of the interest manifested in the Home "a noble and glorious undertaking" and adds:

The past year in Masonic circles in Kentucky, has been strenuous. The whole trend of deepest thought and activity has been toward the completion of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

The Old Masons' Home is doing very nicely. In my judgment the Board is drawing a line too closely when it insists that it will not receive old Masons whose children are able to support them. If the children are residents of Kentucky, the courts will compel them to support their old fathers and mothers, but if the children are not residents of this State there is no way to compel them to do it, and there is nothing else to do except to receive them in the Old Masons' Home through the lodges and in proper course.

He described a group meeting of lodges as a composite meeting and advocates it for every County.

As to the independent power of the constituent lodges in Grand Lodge—units in an orbit—he says admonishingly:

The officers of some subordinate lodges have a wrong idea of the powers and prerogatives of their lodges. So frequently has it come to me that some Secretary or other officer of a lodge would say "The Grand Lodge has nothing to do with us and we will handle our affairs to suit ourselves." This is a spirit of insubordination, not the obligation of a Mason and not courtesy to the Grand Lodge. It displays a lack of gentleness of spirit on the part of those officers of subordinate lodges who give vent to such expressions. The idea is constructed in error, and merely displays ignorance.

To a somewhat neglectful lodge he writes:

The Masons of Kentucky are not made from the poorest of our citizenship, but from the best, and every Mason should realize the splendid privilege he has of contributing toward the construction of new buildings that will house the needy widows and orphans of our deceased brethren for the next hundred years.

Having received an offensive and unnecessary letter from a Committee of a lodge, their charter was arrested.

Of other matters dealt with at the Grand Masters' Conference he says:

Clandestine Masonry should be stamped out of this country as far as possible, and this conference of Grand Masters will go far toward accomplishing that end.

Of the financial standing and obligations of candidates and lodges he says:

A Masonic Lodge, as well as a member thereof, owes it to the Masonic Order to pay its or his bills and keep all accounts square with the world, and if there is a dispute about a bill, it is incumbent upon the officers of the lodge to answer letters in regard to it and explain what the trouble is about.

The question what is a lunar month, is thus answered:

An old time friend had been appointed on a committee to report back in a lunar month, and he asked me of what a lunar month consists masonically? I replied as follows: "A lunar month is the period of one revolution of the moon, particularly a synodical revolution, and that consists of 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and about 3 seconds." Masonically, a lunar month is regarded as thirty days.

As to begging and petitions he says:

I do not know of any way he can proceed except through his own lodge. Our laws do not permit such solicitations except through the lodge to which the applicant belongs.

A gavel was presented to Grand Lodge made of a kind of wood which will not "chip, crack, warp, split or rive".

Of the requirements of a trial he says:

Any man on trial for non-payment of dues or any other offense, must have due and timely notice at the hands of a Master Mason or by registered mail, and when this has been accomplished, then he must be given full opportunity to make his defense.

On the death of a Past Grand Master he uses these verses with effect:

"Again a prince has fallen in the fight,
The valorous champion of the truth and right:
Determined, honest, level-headed, just,
Who broke no promise nor betrayed a trust.
His genial face with courtly kindness beamed.
By friends beloved, by all the world esteemed."

Among his decisions are the following:

A Mason who is not able to pay his dues and assessment, and the members of the lodge are sure of that fact, should not be suspended.

A lodge cannot publish a paper, giving the names of those who have petitioned it for initiation or advancement, and no list except the dead should be published in any newspaper for general circulation.

A man guilty of a crime should not be permitted to remain a member of a lodge.

Any Mason who speaks disrespectfully of his lodge or the Grand Lodge, is guilty of unmasonic conduct and should be handled accordingly.

As to the daughter's admission to the Eastern Star, that would be a question with which I had nothing to do.

Of the great enterprises of the year he thus speaks in his concluding remarks:

True, indeed, the Masons of Kentucky have constructed a monument "more durable than brass" and on which the coming generations may look, with justifiable pride and with feelings of contentment and love.

To those who have contributed to this splendid Masonic enterprise, we have words of highest commendation. To those who have suffered suspension when able to pay, and have not been willing to assist, we have no words of criticism, but only thoughts of pity. The very spirit and purpose of our obligations are manifested in this great spiritual and material undertaking.

We place the corn, wine and oil of our personal sacrifices; o'er their towering roofs we wave forever the flag of our patriotic purposes.

What matters it to us here whether this Order of the Square, the Level and the Plumb, comes from the Syrians or the Chaldeans, or the Egyptian priests, or from the Hebrew land of kings and prophets, or from the Grecian Academy, I care not whether the mysterious pyramids still testify of its eternity, for you know and I know that this, our faith, is a sublime and practical moral force and this force is the parent of all others.

"Slave to no sect, who takes no private road,
But looks through Nature up to Nature's God;
Pursues that chain which links the immense design,
Joins heaven and earth, and mortal and divine,
Sees that no being any bliss can know,
But touches some above and some below,
Learns from this union of the rising whole,
The first, last purpose of the human soul,
And knows where faith, law, morals, all began,
All end in ovel to God and love to man."

Membership 67,186.

The Committee on Clandestine and Irregular Masonry report:

We believe also that our recognition of the Grand Lodge of France would make nearer complete that universality of Masonry of which we boast, prove mutually helpful and be encouraging to the Grand Lodge of France in its struggle to overcome difficulties, surmount obstacles, and solve problems more numerous and complicated than confront Masonry in this land of liberty.

Egypt, Greece, Roumania, Turkey, Vienna, Czecho Slovakia, Italy and York Mexico were recorded fraternal recognition but only after these Grand Lodges had been personally visited by P.G.M. Cowles.

The Correspondence Review is by P.G.M. William W. Clarke, a veteran of the Craft, and he entitles it "Doings of Grand Lodges". Grand Lodges speak and think and do.

We appreciate our colleague's friendly review of Canada in the course of which he says:

A remarkable incident occurred at the opening of Grand Lodge. Sir John Gibson introduced to the Grand Lodge Bro. Adam Brown, who delivered a most admirable address. At its conclusion, Bro. Gibson called attention to the fact that Bro. Brown was on the verge of his one hundredth birthday.

The address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful W. J. Drope, is an interesting document, of historic value.

The reports of the various district Deputy Grand Masters evidence the highly satisfactory condition of Free Masonry in this jurisdiction as shown also by the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry.

In the scholarly report on Correspondence Kentucky is reviewed in a spirit of fraternal sympathy and his kindly reference to ourself makes us think better of ourself.

Under Colorado we read this vigorous comment and question:

We think that when Freemasonry undertakes to function outside the scope of the Order, it is losing its character as a Masonic organization.

As to Secretaries' limited duties under Minnesota he says:

It particularly commends his decision holding that a master or secretary of a lodge has no authority nor right to furnish a member of such lodge with a list of its members for the purpose of soliciting insurance.

Others besides ourselves think that the correspondent of the District of Columbia is a little too vigorous in attack or perhaps lacks catholicity of outlook. We read under Pennsylvania the following:

"The man or set of men who attempted to punish the Jew for adhering to the faith of his fathers, or the Catholic for loyalty to his church are denying to both a right recognized by our forefathers as being the dearest possession anyone can have. They placed it beyond the reach of legislation. Nothing but a change in the fundamental law can deprive the Jew or the Catholic of his right of freedom of conscience."

Wyoming like many other Jurisdictions, will not

confer the Entered Apprentice Degree by courtesy but Kentucky will:

He thus concludes:

We have commented but little, and briefly. Our views are but our views; Grand Masters, approved reports of committees, speak ex cathedra.

The outlook is cheering. Masonry is functioning, not, perhaps, one hundred per cent. but it is functioning, and functioning, it is seeking its goal; but if it is to attain it, those to whom its destinies are committed must see that it functions only within the scope of legitimate Masonic endeavor.

LOUISIANA

M.W. Brother J. Paul Haller, Grand Master.

The Proceedings are prominently endorsed as follows "the property of the lodge, not the officers".

Some 1,500 Master Masons with invited guests, dedicated the great new Masonic Temple in New Orleans on 6th February, 1927. It will be remembered that the cornerstone was laid by 7,000 Masons the year before. The Governor of the State, who is a Past Master of his lodge, delivered the first address, saying:

Masonry is permanent, because it is founded upon everlasting fundamentals. Venerable is our institution.

She reaches her hands across the sea, and leaping over the miles of language, creed, race and government, she speaks to the world in all languages. The spirit of Masonry is a Gulf stream that warms and tempers the current of modern civilization by ministering to suffering humanity, eliminating class distinction. and causing man to love his fellow man.

We will have assembled here in vain to the dedication of this Temple, and will in vain have listened to this beautiful ceremony, if we fail to dedicate our hearts to the sublime duties and moral precepts taught by our great Order. The lesson that we have learned is that every Mason is building, day by day, a Temple of his own life.

Then followed Justice Rogers of the Supreme Court who said:

It is proper, and it is right, that this Temple exemplify, as it does, to the highest degree, the art and the skill of Operative Masonry, the form in which our Order had its beginning, and should stand in the metropolis of the Southland, America's most picturesque and charming city.

The principles of Freemasonry are fixed and unchanging.

Civilization is not a stable condition. The civilization of yesterday is the barbarism of to-day, and the civilization of to-day will be the barbarism of tomorrow.

Let us realize that the interests of all our people are in accord, and not in conflict. Let us always have our own houses in order, ever remembering that the force of a good example is irresistible.

P.G.M. Thomas spoke earnestly and eloquently:

There is a wider field of activity for our work. We must be Operative Masons in the broad field of humanity, if we are to occupy the proper sphere marked out for us according to the teachings of this venerable institution.

Majestic from its mercy, venerable from its antiquity, uplifted without pride and lovely even in its frown. It is a kindly figure, compact and grand and fronts with face of welcome a weary world, and in answer to the universal cry for help it extends its "Lion Grip" that shall prevail.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication convened in New Orleans 7th February, 1927, with twelve Past Grand Masters present.

From the annual address of the Grand Master we make these selections:

This Grand Lodge has taken long strides in the effort to align itself with the other Grand Lodges of the Country in the matters that stand for greater efficiency and better service.

Our magnificent Temple now rears its lofty head to the skies in a section that was once outside of the city boundaries and near the locality where our first lodge was compelled to meet at a time when Masonry was banned from the community proper. This condition was not changed until Louisiana was admitted to the Union, and the Flag of these Great United States, with its guarantees of freedom in matters of religious belief and conscience gathered us under its folds.

The Grand Lodge maintain a special cemetery and \$15,000 was authorized to be expended to put the square in condition and build restroom etc.

As to relief generally and caution required, the Grand Master says and it is in accord with the general trend of opinion in other Jurisdictions:

Correct an erroneous impression that Masonry carries any of the features of a Sick Benefit Association and that the moment one of our brethren meets with misfortune, he should feel that the lodge is his only recourse.

Our membership should not be limited to the affluent, but greater care should be taken to admit only such as are in a position to care for themselves and their families and to whom

the payment of the initial fees and dues would not necessitate the payment of funds that could be more properly devoted to their support. Our lodges should be more careful in this matter in selecting their material and I am suggesting a form of application which, if approved should be used by all of the lodges. While we have no desire to inquire into the intimate affairs of any man, still there are certain matters that we should know of anyone who desires connection with the fraternity, and these items should be stated at the time he signs the petition.

He says of the Masonic Service Association:

The value of this literature cannot be over estimated, the writers and editors being men of marked ability and of the highest Masonic standing.

We regret very much to have to record among his rulings that he refused a dispensation for a candidate, half of whose left foot was amputated, and another whose left leg had been amputated above the knee, and still another who was minus the first two joints of the index finger of the right hand. Surely our brethren in Louisiana will come out of the flesh and enter into the spirit as we in Canada have done.

He rules that American citizenship is not a prerequisite in Louisiana, as we regret to see it is becoming in some of the other United States Jurisdictions.

A candidate having been made a fellow-craft, whose left hand was missing he ruled that the work was in contravention of the law and struck his name off the roll. Query: Will our Craftsman brother be struck off the Roll of the Church and of Heaven because the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has rejected him?

He reports the Home for Orphans flourishing, and most attractive illustrations of the dedication of the splendid Infirmary donated by the Eastern Star, adorn the Proceedings.

Thirty-eight children from the Home presented a most delightful entertainment to Grand Lodge.

Membership 35,151. Gain 246.

Prentiss B. Carter was present representing Canada.

Grand Chaplain Harper delivered an oration on "The Lambskin Apron", of which he eloquently said:

In the hour when the apron is presented the man who is honored to receive it is told that the apron is more ancient

than the Roman eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter. He is told that in coming years his brow may be encircled by the laurel wreath of victory; his ambitious feet may press round after round of the ladder which leads to fame in our mystic circle, and upon his shoulders may rest the purple of the fraternity, but that never again until his enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward through the pearly gate will any other honor so great and so emblematic of all purity and all perfection be conferred upon him.

But let us ever remember that we cannot lay aside the real apron as we lay aside the white leather apron upon leaving the lodge. Morality is not a matter of times, circumstances and conditions. "Honor and shame," we have often read, "from no condition rise." Honor and shame are not produced by temporal conditions but they are born in human hearts. "When in Rome do as the Romans," is an abominable piece of advice, unless the Romans do what is right.

But only by true individuality can we attain unto universality. Masonry is not, after all, a mere institution, an aggregation of men who have a kind of en masse or common goodness. We are moral as individuals. Upon each one of you rests the honor of Freemasonry and you contribute to our Craft as you wear your apron with honor.

The following decision is in accordance with our own Canadian procedure:

The accused was charged with illegally transporting intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. The only evidence in the record is a court record from the City Court of Shreveport.

Not finding any proof other than the court record we are unwilling to act definitely and therefore think this case should be remanded and that in addition to the court record, actual testimony should be offered on behalf of the lodge. We are unwilling to take as final, the action of the court in a lodge matter, unless in the court it appeared that the accused pleaded guilty.

The Committee does not wish to be understood as being in the attitude of refusing as citizens to accept the findings of the court, but as Masons, with courts of our own, we are unwilling to acquit or convict a Mason, who is accused of an offense, for the sole reason that the courts of the State have convicted or acquitted.

Three or four of the cases that came before the Grievance Committee would appear to indicate an endeavour to enforce what corresponds with our O.T.A. through the Masonic Lodges and trials, and to penalize the Brethren for any infraction.

The Committee on Necrology make of this verse their text:

"We know full well that in the dim hereafter
The thread of that great scheme, whereof this life
Is—as a something tells us—but a part,
Shall not be lost, but taken up again,
And woven into one completed whole."

H. C. Tugwell, genial old veteran, represents Louisiana in Toronto. The In Memoriam pages have this and other verses:

"Beyond the sunset's crimson bars,
Beyond the twilight and the stars
Beyond the midnight and the dark,
Into the dawn of that tomorrow,
Where hearts shall find an end of sorrow,
And love shall find its own."

The Correspondence Review is again in the capable hands of John A. Davilla, the veteran Grand Secretary, who in his introduction says:

Our great fraternity is advancing at a more leisurely gait. As a matter of fact, our accessions have not only been lessened, but the losses for account of unpaid dues have been greater than ever. We believe that the latter could have been lessened by a greater activity on the part of secretaries in the matter of notification.

For the past four or five years, Masonic writers have been prone to ascribe the direct losses to a house cleaning condition.

Whatever the cause, it would appear to be time to look for a remedy, after the complaint is finally diagnosed.

To show how tastes vary in Grand Jurisdictions with regard to Mexico this from Arizona will be of interest:

The Pacific Grand Lodge is a young, enthusiastic and growing Grand Lodge. It is dominated by leaders who are filled with a desire to advance the cause of Masonry in that section of the Republic of Mexico.

Under Arkansas we read:

The Sculptor at work on a block of stone, appears to the passer-by to be doing a purely mechanical act. His vision makes him an artist; without it, he becomes merely a stone cutter.

California and the District of Columbia easily lead the great and good work of finding employment for unemployed Masons. This from California:

The Los Angeles Employment Bureau reported 3,807 applications received and 1,800 positions secured. The San Francisco Board reported placing 2,543 applicants.

Under Canada our colleague says that the Grand Master's address presents much food for thought.

Further on in his review he generously speaks thus of our different activities:

The reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters as a whole are a testimonial of the splendid condition and progress of the Craft.

The Board on the Condition of Masonry present an extended report in which they touch upon the state of the Craft and conclude by an educational program in connection with the regular work of the lodges.

And lastly but not least, we come to the Foreign Correspondence report, and as is usual, we are again faced with the most pleasurable portion of our work.

He reviews the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Jurisdictions in his customary easy style and efficient way and pays ample notice to Louisiana. We appreciate his fraternal notice.

Iowa always meets with favor from many correspondents and this Bro. Davilla says also:

The introduction to the address of the Grand Master is a splendid rhetorical effort, replete with beautiful expressions altogether indicative of a soulful man.

And lastly but not least we come to Fraternal Correspondence which is the work of Past Grand Master Louis Block, who is also a Past Master of the art.

In the review of Western Australia we find one of the ancient charges which cannot be too often re-produced and acted upon:

"You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honour of the worshipful fraternity."

MAINE

M.W. David E. Moulton, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Communication was held in Portland, May 4th, 1926.

Seven Past Grand Masters bore their honours modestly. Canada's Grand Representative did not answer Roll Call.

The annual address of the Grand Master is worthy of his Jurisdiction and himself. We make the following citation:

It is said that in ancient Egypt, at all important gatherings each guest upon arrival, was reminded in some way of the brevity of life and the certainty of death. In

like manner as we meet in Annual Communication, we are reminded by the absence of those whose faces we were accustomed to see, how brittle is the thread of life and how temporary is our sojourn here.

Reports will show a total membership of 43,485, or a net gain of 504 for the year. While suspensions are only 288 as against 409 for the preceding year, it shows a wholesome pruning of our lodge membership that should be encouraged. Any member who is financially able, but persistently neglects to pay his dues, should be dropped at once. Our brethren, except in cases of misfortune, are expected not only to care for themselves, but to contribute to the support of the lodge and to the relief of the distressed. If they are unwilling to perform these Masonic duties, they are liabilities and not assets to the Fraternity.

For many years the influx of tuberculars in our South-western dry climate states has created a problem and imposed a tremendous burden upon our brethren in those territories. It has been estimated that sixteen per cent. of these unfortunates ask for assistance within a week after their arrival, one-third within one month, and one-half within three months, and ninety- per cent. within one year. In one town alone a survey identified over two hundred Masons from thirty-one different Grand Jurisdictions, all victims.

He refers to the appointment of R.W. Bro. James Abernethy as Representative of our Grand Lodge.

In his conclusion he puts some of his personality:

No act of mine has contributed or will contribute to the reformation of Masonry in an attempt to adapt it to the present age or time.

I have no sympathy for the individual Mason who is not ready and willing to do his full duty as he sees it in all civil, social and religious matters. He is not a good Mason if he fails to do so, but I have no good word for the misguided Mason who thinks it necessary and proper for Masonry as an organization, to give its support to the same civil, social, and religious cause, for the very good reason that some other Mason equally conscientious and eager to discharge his duties in like matters may feel that a contrary action should be taken. Each should act as his conscience directs and neither has any right to commit the institution as such to the support of any plan or program in any cause, however meritorious.

"Grand birthright of our sires;
Our altars and our fires
Keep we still pure."

A Gavel which had seen service in the Indian Mutiny with the heroic defenders of Cawnpore, was presented to Grand Lodge.

Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell, P.G.M. Massachusetts, spoke for an hour to 400 Brethren on "Real Masonry" and as usual commanded the closest attention.

Strange to say Grand Lodge did not accept as a whole the report on Grievances and Appeals, not adopting two of the recommendations and only adopting one. This is unusual.

Standing Regulations and Amendments to the Constitution are printed in the Proceedings.

R.W. Bro. John B. Way, one of our most faithful and assiduous Brethren, represents Maine with us.

The Correspondence Report by Bro. Ashley A. Smith is as usual, a unique presentation. Its introduction is full of good things. He says:

He thought the brethren would find, if they read his reviews carefully, that in Maine the interest and activity in this direction was very much below the average, a condition he believed not the result of choice by the Masons in this state, but rather because of their neglect of informing themselves of the prevailing conditions elsewhere.

How bitter and devious bigotry can be in the hearts of otherwise good and noble men is seen in the fact that a century and a half ago a little book appeared in England bearing the title, "An Old Fox Tarred and Feathered". It is interesting to read that the "Old Fox" was noble old John Wesley, and the man who wrote the book was Top-lady the man who wrote,

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee."

Both men were followers and ministers of the gentle Gallilean and his gospel, yet both carried their extreme sectarianism to the point of bitterness and rancour against each other. It is safe to say that had both men been touched by the genius of Freemasonry they could not have carried such feelings and animosities against each other in their hearts.

Consulting the dictionary the other day, I received the surprise of my life, for I discovered that the primary or root meaning of the word—Protestant—is, "to make a solemn affirmation," or "to bear witness to a truth". The Latin prefix "pro" means "for" (not against), while the basic meaning of "test" is to bear witness. It is with this large and positive meaning that I am using the word.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this—to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world". That is

the best definition of religion in the Bible, or out of it, that we can find, and it rings true to the teaching of every Masonic degree.

"Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free:
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity."

At least to this correspondent Freemasonry is the one outstanding unifying principle of Protestantism which prophesies that,—

"A mightier church shall come—whose covenant word
Shall be the Deeds of Love: not 'Credo' then,
'Amo' shall be the password through the gates:
And Man shall not ask his brother any more—
Believest Thou?' but 'Lovest Thou?' and Man
Shall answer at His Altar—'Lord, I Love.'
For Hope may anchor, Faith may steer—but Love,
Great Love alone is Captain of the soul."

Under British Columbia he says.

Because your correspondent sees almost "eye to eye" with him, it is a pleasure also, to note his regret that too many of our Grand Lodges are "yielding to the pressure", some in a follow my leader game, and others more or less honestly in pursuit of the will-o-the-wisp known as "Universal Masonry", by recognizing too many alleged Grand Lodges deriving wholly from the A.A.S.R.

Under Canada he refers to our own J. B. Way.

He analyses the Grand Master's address, from which contrary to his usual custom, he quotes saying:

We have departed a little from our usual rule never to quote even at this length, but the counsel is so excellent and expressed in such clear and forthright words that we would not mar a perfect jewel of literary form and statement. Grand Master Drope pays his respect to the Ku Klux Klan in no uncertain terms, voicing the opinion of every Grand Master in the United States who has had occasion to speak of this pestiferous and sinister organization, that it has no connection "in letter, in spirit or otherwise", with the Masonic Fraternity.

He speaks of three Grand Masters having entered the eternal mystery during the year.

He emphasizes the presentation of the Long Service Medals and thus speaks of their presentation:

It is a little speech redolent with his rare personality and embellished by choice selections from the poets, among which we recognize our own New England singer, Oliver Wendell Holmes, which closes his address.

He refers to the personal flavor of the D.D.G.M's Reports and speaks of our review as being from the hand and heart of the writer.

He adds the following complimentary paragraph:

Grand Master Spear is frequently quoted and invariably commended, while your Maine Correspondent is accorded the distinct and valued honor of one-half the report and credited with a report "full of suggestions and vitality." We are constrained to say that if Brother Ponton is to be the permanent reviewer for Ontario it will be a yearly pleasure to read a review distinctive in thought, and pleasingly personal in literary form and style.

Under South Carolina he makes this apposite comment:

Brother Michie says, and we appreciate the implication, "we have spent a delightful couple of hours reading, etc." He reviews in a very entertaining manner. "Well, often and often when reading far into the night many of these annual proceedings of the world, we have thought of old Jeremiah's question in the valley, "Can these dry bones live?" and any correspondent may be a little encouraged by such a compliment from such a source, for to clothe much of what he reads with fair and palpitating flesh (of entertainment) is to do a worth-while, and to this correspondent, a rather difficult and delicate miracle of resurrection.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA

M.W. Albert L. Crossin, Grand Master.

After recording the laying of two cornerstones, the fifty-first Annual Communication was opened in the Fort Garry Hotel. June 9th, 1926. Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid, afterwards elected Grand Master.

No less than seventeen Past Grand Masters rallied to the altar roll call.

Our own Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rowland was received with grand honours.

From Grand Master Crossin's able address we are justified in making many worthy extracts:

Another year of Masonic history has been written. Another year of labour, not altogether unprofitable, I hope, has been recorded by the Divine Creator who measures the worth of human conduct. As a people we have enjoyed

peace, prosperity and freedom which is opportunity. As a craft, our progress is marked by larger numbers, increased earnestness of purpose and a spirit of hearty good will.

To-day we attempt to visualize the tasks of the future in the knowledge that the complexities of our civilization with its means of rapid communication are creating problems unknown in past generations. The incoming of strange peoples, unfamiliar with British ideals, the new political groupings, the amazing impatience of the electorate and the mob spirit it engenders—these things are disturbing and suggest the breakdown of old faiths. Amidst such movements stands our great brotherhood. It may be recalled that it is 700 years since the Magna Charta was signed and yet its import is only now fully realized. Since Magna Charta it is doubtful if there has been any political event comparable with the Locarno Pact.

I trust you will exercise sparingly the function of legislation. The present generation has a witless urge to make laws as though a volume of printed matter, however bulky, could alter either human nature or economic law. That the craft is not free from this mania to legislate is sufficiently apparent in the constant alteration in the by-laws of lodges submitted for approval.

A philosopher has said: "Ignorance and bungling, with love, are better than wisdom and skill without. There may be courtesy, there may even be temper, and wit, and talent, and sparkling conversation, but our life without love is like coke and ashes.

Of official visitations of the Districts he says by way of contrast:

There was a wide divergence in quality and value. The earnest, thoughtful and capable D.D.G.M. prepared a program suited to the needs of the district and selected skilled brethren to deal with the different topics. The casual officer left the meeting to chance or the resourcefulness of the Grand Master.

Of inter-lodge visitations which he earnestly advocates, he says:

No lodge should consider the year's activities complete which has not made at least one visit to a sister lodge and preferably a lodge at a considerable distance. I can testify that these visits have been to me amongst the most inspiring and refreshing experiences of my Masonic life.

The craft which is only divided into lodges for the sake of convenience and the opportunity it gives for the expression of individual gifts.

It is my earnest conviction that one of the first requirements of a prosperous lodge is a well ventilated lodge room—a plentiful supply of fresh air is essential to clear-headed-

ness. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but godliness cannot be cultivated without oxygen. Drowsiness in church it is now known is caused by foul air and not always by bad preaching.

Of Masonic Education, which is regarded as a most important factor, he writes:

Amongst the treasurers of the craft—to be guarded with exacting care—is our inheritance of old-world ceremony.

It occurs to me that the committee on Masonic Research and Education might usefully issue a set of instructions for the guidance of the Director of Ceremonies.

These instructions might well cover the conduct of the toast list at refreshment. There is frequently confusion in the arranging of the programme there.

It has come to my notice that some Secretaries have supplied lists of members and addresses to persons not entitled to such information. The fact of a brother's membership in a Masonic lodge is a sacred trust to be communicated by the secretary only on explicit instructions from the Worshipful Master and for sufficient cause. It is desirable that each Master should so instruct his Secretary.

As to abuse of the blackball he is outspoken, as all Grand Masters are and should be:

To use a black ball carelessly, maliciously or spitefully is to injure the lodge, besmirch your own soul and wound a brother man. Personal feelings must not be allowed to influence your actions here. The only justification for the employment of a black ball is that one's conscience warns one that the applicant is unworthy. Masonry is no exclusive social club.

Of charity and philanthropy he well says:

Every Mason in Manitoba should desire to be a shareholder in an investment trust whose dividends are paid in the gratitude of the distressed.

An uninstructed Freemasonry is a barren Freemasonry. An educated Freemasonry, inspired by the achievement of the past and permeated with the idealism which is the soul of our philosophy of life, is a purposeful Freemasonry whose fruits are nobility of character and a society rooted and nourished in good will.

As to peripatetic meetings he is of this definite opinion:

I am of the opinion that the only justification for a lodge holding its communication elsewhere than in the lodge room specified in its charter or by-law is that the lodge room has been rendered uninhabitable by fire, tempest or accident.

Grand Secretary Ovas receives a well merited tribute:

As the snows of winter settle upon Bro. Ovas' head his heart grows younger, his hand-clasp warmer and his love for the brethren deeper. Gladly do I bear testimony to the helpfulness of his wise counsel.

The address thus concludes in harmony:

Our Freemasonry may be likened to one of the noble rivers of this continent whose sources are to be found in those pure and high silences brooded over by the eternal purposes of the Creator. The streams from these head waters unite into a broad river.

A letter from this reviewer was read.

The D.D.G.M's of eleven Masonic Districts reported fully.

M.W. Bro. Rowland delivered a most instructive and inspiring address. This is Manitoba's verdict.

The report on the Condition of Masonry by R.W. Bro. W. J. Wilson is in every way satisfying. These are illustrative extracts:

We have had in the past many estimable brethren elected to the office of D.D.G.M., but we regret to say that we do not feel that we have always had the best man available and the Committee believe it to be their duty to call attention to the practice of selecting the D.D.G.M. from the various lodges in the district by a process of rotation which has to some extent prevailed and which has been a distinct source of weakness to this Grand Lodge.

The Committee is of the opinion that some improvement could be made in the method of the election or selection of the D.D.G.M.

It would appear that this was the time at which at least a tentative selection of the D.D.G.M. should be made. The name could be submitted to the Board of General Purposes for their consideration and investigation and the election could be confirmed at the meeting of the district held during the Grand Lodge sessions and the incoming Grand Master would have something tangible upon which to base his confirmation as required by the Constitution.

If the system we follow is to be effective in accomplishing the object for which it is designed, we must get away from the idea that anybody will do for this important office and that rank will be conferred for a gesture. In the recommendation for the rank of P.D.D.G.M. these two names have been omitted as concrete evidence of the fact that the Committee is not willing to sacrifice the interests of the Craft as a whole for mere appearances.

The Grand Librarian says:

Though in its infancy the Masonic Library has been a source of helpfulness and encouragement to many brethren by making more convenient the successful prosecution of their work.

It is gratifying and encouraging that the need for a library is being recognized. A total of one hundred and ninety-three books (Proceedings and periodicals excluded) have been added. Five hundred and five books have been in circulation.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended the recognition of Panama and Vienna and Grand Lodge agreed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report:

One of the best outlines as to the admission of evidence and the procedure of trials, will be found in a little book written by Brother Simons, of New York, called "Principles of Masonic Jurisprudence", and will be read with interest by those who take the trouble to peruse this report. No attempt should be made to prove anything not laid down in the charges.

Hearsay evidence cannot be admitted; the witness must be able to testify of his own knowledge, or not at all. A Master Mason cannot be impeached. He may be contradicted.

Lastly, the object of a Masonic trial is to ascertain the exact truth in regard to a charge preferred, that strict justice may govern the administration of discipline. No more technicality ought to be allowed to stand in the way of producing the necessary facts.

Membership 11,653. Number of lodges 100.

Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Norquay delivered a thoughtful address saying among other good things:

It would seem to have been prophetic of the world-wide leadership of the English speaking peoples in the cardinal virtues of truth, honor and duty that those, who laid deep and well the foundations of our noble Craft, should have met in the precincts of St. Paul's churchyard under the shadow and within the hallowed sphere of that House of God destined to become in after times the Cathedral of a world-wide Empire.

The distinguished preacher of the occasion was the Canadian born American Bishop Brent, of the Philippines, illustrating afresh the reciprocity of intellect and community of talents, which for many years have drawn our nations into more mutual sympathy and service.

When the world's Great Teacher said: "I came not to be ministered to but to minister," a new standard was given

to Greatness; a standard within the reach and realization of all, the standard of "Service"; and to-day men and women are reading a new meaning into the word "service" with noble self sacrifice.

Life is expansive. Light, too, is an intensely expansive force.

Manitoba is represented by Frederick Cook of Ottawa.

M.W. Bro. James S. MacEwing thus commences his annual review of Foreign Jurisdictions:

"The tumult and the shouting dies,
The Captains and the Kings depart."

Hardly had I retired to what I supposed would be the dignified leisure of a Past Grand Master than I was again summoned for duty.

The kindly treatment and friendly comments with which my former efforts were received both by my brother reviewers and the brethren of Manitoba is warmly appreciated. The labor involved is arduous but enjoyable.

While a few of the Proceedings of European and South American Jurisdictions come before me in the course of each year, the fact remains that these are overshadowed by the more voluminous reports of Canadian and United States Grand Lodges.

We can sympathize with the idea of citizenship from a national standpoint, but feel that it has no place in Masonry as an essential for membership. If a lodge is qualified to judge as to a candidate's character should it not also be the best judge as to the place he fills in the life of the community, irrespective of where his citizenship is held.

Too many lodges use initiation fees to take care of lodge expenses which should be met by dues. The direct result is that when a Grand Lodge committee inquires as to what they have done themselves for charity the reply is —no funds.—

A pet phrase is "We want to let the outside world know where we stand."

Within the confines of the lodge room we are Masons, outside we should be citizens only. If in the outside sphere we live up to our Masonic teachings it will not be necessary to do any broadcasting.

Under Alabama he says with fulfillment in his words:

The Grand Master believes in a personal, practical Masonry and drives it home.

Under Benevolence he quotes:

Symbolism, ritualism, rite and ceremony, appropriate to every rank and degree, must always be to Masonry the

corporate agents of her ideology; but the first and constant care of every craftsman must be that he rest not on them as the end and purpose of his dedication, for therein lies hurt of soul beyond all mortal cure.

As to Degree Teams he finds this expression in California:

But in the past year or two degree teams have sprung up like mushrooms after a spring rain, and every organization which can furnish an excuse for a degree team is now represented in the field of Masonry. There are degree teams in every industrial association, in every professional occupation, in every governmental and public association.

Under Canada our colleague features as it deserves to be, the reception and speech of Bro. Adam Brown, our centenarian member whose memory will ever be green, and he quotes these stirring words of his:

If there is anything like a bold movement to take its place, I call upon the tongue of the whole land to swear by your flag again!—raise it most high and nail it to the mast rather than that it should be put down. (Cheers).

“You may say it’s an old bit of bunting,
You may call it an old coloured rag;
But freedom has made it majestic,
And time has ennobled the flag!”

The whole of the address prepared by the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as to Masonic offences is quoted in full. He mentions particularly the presentation of Long Service Medals and as to the report on the Condition of Freemasonry he says:

The report so abounds in practical common sense remarks and suggestions that I am going to quote at considerable length.

As to the D.D.G.M’s Reports we find the following:

Some are telegraphic in their brevity, while others are encyclopedic in their detail.

He is kind enough to say this of our review:

Master Craftsman is at the helm.

And thus expresses the mutuality of touch and of the ties that bind:

Bro. Ponton is an Honorary Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, while I am an Honorary Member of a lodge in that Jurisdiction. The honors may not be even, but “the ties that bind” are strengthened. May he long be

spared to weave into golden words the trite and commonplace, as well as the outstanding reports of our Grand Lodges.

Indiana was found a fertile field. Here is our colleague's summary:

Verily we need all of us to be initiated again, this time not of words, but of "Water and the spirit", in order that we may realize that Masonry is after all never a thing "terrestrial", nor even yet verbal, but ever more "celestial" and eternally spiritual."

Under Pennsylvania he says:

The time has arrived when recommenders and Committees on Inquiry must bear their responsibilities for the approval of unworthy petitioners for initiation and membership.

Virginia produces this searching comment:

I am raising no question as to the right and duty of being courteous and acknowledging favors, but it has always seemed strange to me to note escorts being furnished by Knight Templars for Grand Lodge functions, not to mention the special activities of other associated bodies. Are these men Knight Templars and Scottish Rites first and Masons afterwards, or if vice versa why are they not in the ranks of Freemasons at a Grand Lodge ceremony?

MARYLAND

M.W. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

The Semi-annual Communication was held in Baltimore, May 11, 1926.

The opening is thus recorded:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Sword Bearer, was escorted into the Grand Lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the Right Worshipful Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Most Worshipful was conducted to the East.

From the Grand Lecturer's Report we take the following words of admonition:

We do not appreciate the services of these brethren as we should, especially is this the case in the Lodges of Instruction, where the Instructors are present from year to year, disseminating light and knowledge to the prospective officers of the lodges.

It would be extremely difficult to find a more efficient corps of Assistant Grand Lecturers than the Brethren occupying these positions, in some instances, I am sorry to state, they are more willing to give, than some of the Brethren are to receive instruction.

The Committee on Foreign Relations say:

All members of Lodges in the State of Maryland are hereby forbidden to visit any lodge or to have Masonic intercourse with any persons holding allegiance to the said Grand Orient of Belgium.

A proposed gift of 500 acres for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Home was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication was held in Baltimore, November 16th, 1926. Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the call.

The Grand Master delivered a comprehensive address, pointing out that the membership is now 32,632. They have on hand \$147,000 and are making haste slowly with regard to its investment in buildings.

The Grand Master says:

The Masonic Fraternity is rich in property and we spend a great deal of money for many things, but because our present personal condition does not demand a home or help from our brethren we apparently would far rather build marble halls and monuments of stone, than to carry out the first precepts of Masonry, and build our Temple in the hearts of men.

The responsibility is with each individual member and every lodge.

We are much pleased with the program of building temples by our lodges, but without the spirit of Masonry they may become Mausoleums. As long as a man is so engrossed in his own affairs and his own welfare without extending the hand of comradeship and brotherly love to his neighbor we can never secure that peace and harmony of which we boast.

When men will be brothers indeed and in truth, and our fellows may join in our joys and our sorrows, our successes and our failures, our tears and our laughter, ever generous of our faults and shortcomings, remembering all of us are only human, and when this condition prevails, Masonry will have advanced a long way toward the successful culmination of our ideals.

The Library Committee submit an interesting report:

The distribution of Masonic literature to those interested in the research club is another feature of our program which is being carried out.

A series of illustrated lectures have been added to the equipment of the library for the use of individual lodges. These lectures are in printed form for reading before a lodge and are accompanied with a very compact, easily operated lantern.

The Grand Lecturer says:

Unfortunately investigating committees are too often lax in their duty and things which should come to their attention, fail to reach them because of the general lack of information as to the petitions before the lodge.

At the reception of the Representatives of Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representative Buckner of Egypt says:

The Grand Orient along the lower Nile felicitates the Grand Lodge of Maryland upon the peace and harmony prevailing within their borders, and trusts 'ere long to find a like fraternalism among themselves. The Sphinx still faces the East, the source of true Light, and maintains its age-long masonic silence.

The Grand Representative of England was much pleased with his reception there, saying:

And now in conclusion let me say that during my entire stay in England I found only the utmost friendship and good feeling expressed toward Americans, that is toward the United States.

But, not only were feelings of amity and good-will expressed by Freemasons in my officially Masonic relations, but also by leading Englishmen with whom I came in personal and social contact.

In view of certain misleading newspaper articles I say firmly and confidently that the feeling of England toward these United States is friendly in the extreme; that the maintenance of such feeling on both sides is desired by Great Britain and that it is incumbent upon us—as a Fraternity and as citizens—to see that nothing is done to impair such regard and that our efforts should be directed to cementing those bonds of mutual respect and esteem which should ever exist between these nations.

Canada is represented by John Hiltz, and M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., represents Maryland.

The Report on Correspondence is from the practised and philosophical hand of Bro. (Rev.) Henry Branch, who says in his foreword:

There seems to be a great revival of interest on the subject of Education, a most encouraging prospect for those whose supreme idea is LIGHT.

He finds Arizona a very interesting reviewing ground and says:

Now listen to this "Short statement of the history, organization and financial growth of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, by Brother Otis J. Baughn," I know it and as you know it, the glorious incomparable wonder-land of America, a mighty empire in its very infancy and in the making, with the greatest natural wonders of the Continent and more genuine remains of a pre-historic civilization than any other State in the Union. Its majestic mountain ranges, unsurpassed in beauty, might and grandeur, possess a mineral wealth which staggers the imagination in values and is as yet practically untouched. Its desert valleys contain the richest soil in the world, only partially developed.

The "Children's Masonic Home" is considered "the greatest work of Masonry, the real substance of our undertaking, the best reason for our existence."

Under Delaware he gives well merited praise to the Masonic Service Association in the following words:

The outstanding accomplishment of the Masonic Service Association, was the repeated gathering together, year after year, of leaders of Masonic Thought in America, to sit down together and discuss, in amity and brotherly spirit, the needs and aims of the Fraternity.

Under Illinois he appropriately says:

Drive from public office faithless officials, who nullify the law for political or financial gain. Masons should be taught to regard all malefactors, high or low, as public enemies.

Iowa gives him this suggestion:

One of the most serious matters with which we are concerned is the spirit of discontent that exists among so many of our citizens. . . . No Republican form of government can long survive unless it has the co-operation and support of a majority of its citizens.

He closes his review of Michigan with the following words:

Now listen "In all respects ample and as much as other Jurisdictions received, but compared with the warmth and glow diffused by the Correspondents of other Jurisdictions, IT SEEMS LIKE SCIENTIFIC REFRIGERATION."

Under Oklahoma he quotes:

"Some time at eve, when the tide is low
I shall slip my moorings and sail away....
And greet the friends who have sailed before
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."

This is interesting under England:

No such Degree as Past Master Degree is known or recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Ceremony known as the Opening in extenso of a Board of Installed Masters is earnestly discussed and finally declared "irregular".

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is recognized as "The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, San Juan, West Indies".

Canada is reviewed in friendly spirit. He says:

The Grand Lodge met in the Memorial School named in honor of the 1800 valliant men of Hamilton who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. "Education and Masonry always go hand in hand."

A point well taken in this Address: "Freemasonry is not a benevolent Institution. It is not organized as such, and such is not its purpose.

Very full notice marks the review of our Proceedings.

Manitoba stimulates thought:

Diplomats declared that the most urgent need at the present time was the re-establishment of mutual confidence between Nations. The essential unity of Western civilization was discovered.

„A Philosopher has said, 'Ignorance and bungling with love are better than wisdom and skill without.'"

Quebec's review thus closes:

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master. It was an inspiration to have the personal touch with this most distinguished Brother, and to cement the ties that bring us in such close fellowship with our kindred across the seas.

Our last review of Queensland ventured to indirectly suggest something similar to what apparently has struck Bro. Branch also, who says:

Politics seem to enter into the elections in this community.

Western Australia furnishes an interesting historical reference:

We are indebted to Ireland for the introduction of Freemasonry into Australia, because it was the Irish Lodge, attached to the 46th Regiment of Foot, that laid the foundations of the Craft in Sydney over one hundred years ago.

MASSACHUSETTS

M.W. Brother Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of Narragansett Lodge celebration occupies the first twenty-five pages of the Proceedings. Two verses of a poem written for the occasion are:

They gave their best, not always great,
That this, their lodge, should be
Exemplar of the faith they taught,
A light in Masonry.

With courage high and faith secure,
They labored steadfastly
To make their building safe, secure
To their Posterity.

The new Masonic Temple at Springfield is an impressive building. From the Grand Master's address on the occasion of dedication we take the following thoughts:

It has been asserted by competent authorities that the conventional masonic art was so allied with theology that every part of a Temple taught a special lesson of its own; that form and symbol gave to each stone a meaning.

The similarity which can be traced in the content of the ancient mysteries and the art of architecture as they have been discovered and traced through the civilizations of Egypt, Syria, Greece, Rome and in more modern times, leads to the inference, at least, that a very ancient discovery was developed and cultivated and carried from one center to another by those who had been initiated, at the invitation of religious and political rulers, in order to express in permanent and enduring structures the spiritual feelings of the people.

Quarterly Communication was held in Boston, 10th March, 1926. The Grand Master is, we are glad to note, one of those who stands loyally by the splendid work of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. He says:

That there has been an awakening to the reality and integrity of our professions is one of the encouraging facts of contemporaneous Masonry.

His address contains many good things worthy of the educated educator that he is. Among them the following:

The genius of our Institution is broader and more fundamental than that of any whose objective is institutional

enterprise organized to accomplish definite objectives in the field of theology, government, charity, education, or social development. It aims to train the individual.

Under the External Groupings of Masons he says:

What seems to me to be equally regrettable is the growth of a spirit of impatience at restraint, and a sentiment of resistance towards the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge on the part of some of the Brethren whose interest has become too deeply centered in such organizations.

It is only by the tacit or direct consent of the Grand Lodge that such independent bodies are permitted to seek for initiates or to make proselytes among the lodges of its jurisdiction, or that any Mason in its allegiance is permitted to enter or remain in the ranks of such a body. When that is cut off such a body must die.

In this lies a danger in the external groupings under discussion; and to it is due some of the misconceptions which find expression on the part of those who become absorbed in these activities to the exclusion of the fundamentals as taught in our lodges.

When obedience to the laws and regulations fails among the Craft, and when the Grand Lodge irresolutely fails to enforce its authority, the Institution will become a rope of sand, and the decay of Freemasonry is at hand.

Many Special Communications are recorded by him, all in the performance of Grand Lodge functions.

At East Boston Constitution he said:

Masonry is not a pleasure alone, nor a business, nor a trade, nor a spectacle, nor a profession. It is a joyous duty, a noble manhood, a charitable life. It is not an outward display, symbolic charms, or glittering hosts; Masonry is an inward possession. It is not a matter of gain, but of giving; not one of hoarding, but of diffusing.

Masonry is a traditional association which has never undertaken to do all the good things which ought to be done. It has undertaken to do a few of the essentially and fundamentally good things.

It has realized, as I believe no other association of men has realized, that only upon principles which must command instant and unanimous assent, can it hope to accomplish objectives which involve, as of their essence, universal agreement.

Masonry "is religious in that it teaches monotheism; . . . worship of God is ever a part of its ceremonial; . . . yet it is not theological."

It does not attempt to usurp the functions of the church nor to obtrude itself into the church's field of activity.

In interpreting this principle with reference to the eligibility to membership of applicants who subscribe to prevailing Oriental religions based on a belief in a Supreme Deity, Melvin M. Johnson said:

"It is an unchangeable Landmark of the Fraternity that there is but one Masonic dogma. . . our sole dogma is the Landmark of belief in a Supreme Being.

Masonry "is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may forgather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship, and of charity."

There is undoubtedly ample place in Masonry for the development of the social instinct of its members; but it should never be forgotten that social activities are a means to an end and never should be magnified into an end_of themselves.

Everywhere he went his speeches are of a high order of merit. At South Boston he said:

This is the meaning of the provisions of our Constitutions—that "The Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representation of every individual Brother of its jurisdiction; and that "Each lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, which is the representative body of the whole Craft and of each particular Lodge and individual member "

Grand Lodge is described as an assembly in which "all the powers of the Fraternity reside." Now, what power has the Grand Lodge if it cannot say what is Masonry, and what is not? Are we at the mercy of the sweet will of any Brother who may choose to start a Masonic degree? Masonry conforms to an underlying condition or source of permanence.

Quarterly Communication was held 9th June, 1926
From the Grand Master's address we take these rulings:

A waiver of jurisdiction is not a permanent surrender of said jurisdiction. It is only a permission to another lodge to receive and act upon an application. If the application is rejected, jurisdiction is resumed by the lodge executing the waiver. The names of candidates are to be written or printed on the notice and not on a separate sheet.

The Worshipful Master of a lodge is not obliged to take a ballot upon a candidate whose name appears upon the notice of the meeting. If he decides not to take action at that meeting he should so state and should not call for the report of the committee.

Only Presiding and Past Masters may act as Masters in our lodges, except that a Warden may preside in his own, but not in another lodge, and when directed to do so by the Worshipful Master.

The amendments to the Constitution proposed by a strong Committee in connection with the Board of Relief, even though sponsored by such outstanding names as Ferrell and Chipman were declared defeated, two-thirds vote required not having been obtained.

As to recognition of the Grand Lodge of Vienna a Committee identified with such well known names as Melvin M. Johnson, F. W. Hamilton and Roscoe Pound reported as follows and their recommendation was adopted:

This Grand Lodge has been recognized by many others, among them, in this country, the Grand Lodges of New York and North Carolina. New York acted only after a personal visit to Vienna and investigation there by its Committee on Foreign Relations.

We are satisfied that this Grand Lodge conforms with all the requirements of our Constitutions. Consequently your Committee recommend Fraternal recognition of and exchange of Masonic correspondence and courtesies with the "Grossloge von Wien."

Quarterly Communication was held 8th September 1926, and much business was transacted. The Grand Master concluded his address with the following words-

My brethren, the new season opens for us, and fresh opportunities lie before us. Let us not forget that the test of our usefulness to Masonry is not the station attained nor the extent of the duties and obligations of our positions; but the test is the enthusiasm and zeal for the welfare of Masonry which each of us brings to the performance of his part of the task, bearing in mind that it is the co-operative effort of all, and not the labor of the few which shall maintain the standard of our Order on the vantage ground of real accomplishment.

Grand Lodge reprints at length all the correspondence regarding the vigorous protest of the Grand Master of the Philippine Islands against the invasion of their territory by the Shriners who wish to exclude natives of the Philippines—good Masons—from associating with them or becoming members, and Massachusetts (as many other Jurisdictions) appears to be in complete harmony and sympathy with the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of those Islands. From M.W. Bro. Delgado's report we take the following:

It was explained to him that he was coming into this Grand Jurisdiction under official protests and that his

action would cause great harm to Ancient Craft Masonry in these Islands.

Brother Henderson was very courteous, but quite obstinate and very frank in the expression of his intention to put on the Shrine ceremonial, and the ceremonial was carried through in spite of all our pleadings, and in the face of the official protest which was then delivered to him.

It will be observed that the Imperial Potentate entirely ignores the ground of the original objection of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines; namely, the racial question.

The communication sent by Grand Master Simpson concluded as follows and the Committee added:

As Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, I beg to express that sympathy and support to you. I have confidence of the attitude which this Grand Lodge will take in support of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, with which we are in cordial and fraternal relations of mutual respect and affection

Your Committee has been at some pains to lay the whole matter before the Grand Lodge, because it involves the question of the sanctity and inviolability of the jurisdiction of a sovereign Grand Lodge, as against invasion by a body which, while not Masonic in the proper sense of the term, is a body of Masons.

The Shrine, putting it mildly, have evidently made a diplomatic error.

At the laying of the cornerstone of the new Temple at Quincy the Grand Master used stirring words which we do not often hear.

You will erect a home in which you will meet as Brothers as in a family, where cares will be lightened and burdens shared. Here you shall find solace in disappointment, warm sympathy in misfortune, and the glad welcome of friends as you gather about your altars. Spirit and courage shall here be refreshed, strength shall be renewed, and new inspirations shall come to quicken resolution, to brighten hopes, and to stimulate impulses to nobler lives. Faith shall here be revived—faith in the wisdom and love of the Father, faith in yourselves and in your fellow-men. Aye! This shall indeed be your home to which you will return from your journeys, whose associations shall be dear to you when afar.

You will erect a structure which shall be an ornament to your city and which shall speak to the stranger within your gates of civic pride. For the relationships of the true citizen are those of reciprocal obligations.

That this is the structure you have begun is our confident hope; that you may complete it with Strength and Harmony is our fervent prayer.

Membership 123,760. Net gain 1,536.

The financial report of Grand Lodge says regarding the Masonic Service Association:

"The immediate menace which brought us together to confer upon the things we might do to avert the disaster which threatened us from overseas is no more deadly than are the insidious 'isms' which would destroy the very soul and body of Americanism from within, if they could, by arraying class against class!"

The Grand Master said that though we have not altogether succeeded in keeping the cynic from our doors, yet:

We should not be disturbed because this few at times seems to be many. It is because their voices have so strange a sound in this Fraternity of brotherhood, relief, and truth, that they seem to be conspicuous by contrast.

Be not discouraged, because we have not yet persuaded a selfish world to the ideals of an unselfish life. We are progressing and succeeding. Our hearts are sound. Our spirits are high and our courage resolute.

The Committee on External Relations gives certain tests in connection with the formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of France which was adopted. They may be summarized as follows:

Does the petitioning lodge meet the requirements of the Grand Constitutions?

That the foreign Grand Lodge in question represents a substantial unity of Freemasons of the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction.

Is the National Grand Lodge sufficiently strong to inspire confidence in its stability?

What is the personnel of the National Grand Lodge?

Your committee recommends that this Grand Lodge extend formal recognition to the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge for France and the French Colonies.

At Boston University Lodge the Grand Master said that Masonry had a power for the promotion of human amenity and social sympathy.

At the Grand Feast December 27, 1926, Grand Master Simpson delivered one of those addresses for which Massachusetts has become famous, both scholarly and eloquent. His speeches should be reprinted in pamphlet form for the benefit of the Craft universal.

Of the death of M.W. Bro. Blake he speaks in classic terms:

We should recall our beloved brother in a fashion in which he would have us do so on such an occasion as this I refer to what Cicero put into the mouth of one of his characters, Gaius Laelius, on the death of his friend Scipio Africanus. He said "I can find my own consolation and it consists chiefly in this: that I have escaped the mistaken notion which so frequently causes us grief at the departure of our friends. To Scipio, I am convinced no evil has befallen. Mine is the disaster, if disaster there be, and to be particularly distressed over one's own misfortunes does not show that you love your friend, but that you love yourself."

No disaster has befallen our beloved friend and brother. Such grief as we have is at our own loss.

But it seems to me that Freemasonry goes much further and much deeper and that it aims at the much more significant thing—the habit of thinking.

Mr. Justice Holmes once remarked in delivering the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth:

"The mind like any other organism gradually shapes itself to what surrounds it, and resents disturbance in the form which its life has assumed."

Not only does our customary thinking determine our characters but it determines our happiness or our misery.

It has been truly said that "most holy lands achieved have been bounded on the north by difficulty, on the south by trouble, on the west by adversity, and on the east by hardship."

"When the days are dark with evil
Then the timid hearts complain;
They would live their lives in pleasure,
They would never face the rain;
They would bear no heavy burdens;
They would shed no bitter tears,
But go romping down the valleys,
And go singing thro' the years."

Cardinal Newman, in opening his essay 'on "What is a University?"' says: "If I were to describe as briefly and as popularly as I could what a university is, I should draw my answer from its ancient designation of a *studium generale*; a school of universal learning, and this definition implies the assembling of strangers from all parts in one spot."

He is both philosopher and psychologist. He then introduces President Marsh of Boston University and at once we had a gleam of humor of which the following is illustrative:

No university president has any business to stand with his hands in his own pockets.

The preacher of whom I am talking had formed the habit of standing with his hands in this fashion.

It was pure habit. He was announcing a church supper which was to be held the following Thursday evening. He said, "Brethren, there will be a great supper in this place—(placing his hands on his stomach)—next Thursday night."

And yet he too can be serious:

Let us apply these psychological truths to Freemasonry. The ritual of Masonry is likely, if we attend the lodge frequently enough, to become a sort of habitual nerve tract, so that we call up frequently the teaching of morals and character that Masonry would have us form.

A man is profoundly impressed. His emotions are kindled, and under certain circumstances, when he gets into that same mood emotionally, he recalls the obligations and the aims and practices of Freemasonry.

"O the world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall,

With its cares and bitter crosses, but a good world after all,

And a good God must have made it, leastways that's what I say

When a hand rests on my shoulder in a friendly sort of way."

That is the way I like to think of Freemasonry, that it is a hand upon the shoulder in a friendly sort of way.

From Grand Secretary Hamilton's noble address space only permits us to take this one sentence, with which we close:

Freemasonry is not simply a delightful and splendid possession. It is a mission; a duty; an opportunity to be open only to those who are capable of rising to the level of that opportunity.

MICHIGAN

M.W. Bro. Arthur J. Fox, Grand Master.

The biography of the new Grand Master, Charles A. Donaldson, opens the Proceedings. His biography says, as one can well believe, from his countenance, that he has earned a reputation for sterling and upright business dealing, and that early in his administration he will dedicate the new Masonic Temple in Detroit, the largest in the Masonic world.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication was held in Kalamazoo 25th May, 1926, and Canadians will notice with pleasure the well known and honored

names of Lou Barney Winsor, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, and William H. Gallagher, Grand Chaplain.

George King Phillips, The III, G.H.P. of Grand Chapter was presented and duly honoured.

From the opening invocation of the Grand Chaplain we take this practical petition:

Grant unto us, oh Lord, in all our problems, in all our charitable ventures, in all our difficulties, in all our deliberations, power to think, to say, and to do such things as are right;.

The response of Bro. Lusk to the address of welcome was bristling with ideas. We make these extracts:

A recent definition of the pessimist describes the animal as one who, confronted with two evils, chooses both; the same wag described the optimist as one who, "By the process of deep breathing constructs a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

The fame of Kalamazoo is not confined to city or state lines!—it is nation-wide. In cryptic terms you have caught the eye and the ear by adopting some euphonious slogans, such as "Kalamazoo, the City for You"; "In Kalamazoo WE DO"; "From Kalamazoo Direct to You"; and some punster has added the slogan "From Timbuctoo to Kalamazoo".

Kalamazoo is a proud city, and justly so. But, Mr. Mayor, what constitutes a great city—rich soil? Industries? Skyscrapers? There must be qualities less materialistic; there must be a soul, a soul to radiate certain attributes that only a soul possesses—good will, good fellowship, justice, mercy, benevolence—the application of the Golden Rule.

We come again to the home of friends; come with the spirit of the old and faithful friend, for there are

"No friends like the old friends,
There are none so good and true,
We greet them as we meet them,
As the roses greet the dew."

R.W. Bro. W. N. Gatfield representing Canada, was presented and in welcoming him the Grand Master said:

Last July, I paid a visit to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and I can assure you that the kind hospitality of our Canadian Brethren is not to be outdone in any place on earth.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters lent the weight of

their counsel and the light of their countenances to the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call but we understand that he is suffering from continued illness and is excused therefore with earnest hopes for his early recovery.

The Grand Master in his address referring to his two visits to Canada said:

The Canadian Brethren demonstrated their true hospitality and the meeting will long be remembered.

He spoke of the abundant Christmas cheer given by the brethren to the Masonic Homes, a yearly philanthropy in which they rejoice, and he adds:

Too much cannot be said of the work of the Craftsmen's Club of the University of Michigan.

He acknowledges the payment of bequests in wills to the Home, one of \$135,000 one of \$27,000 and others of lesser amounts.

In his conclusion he uses these words and shares these thoughts:

The many conferences we have had resulted in the knowledge that the constituent lodges are in need of some constructive business administration that will place them in a position to handle the many problems which are bound to come to their attention in the future.

With nature and nature's God we poor weak creatures can little interfere, nor are we of much moment or consideration.

But to the lives of our fellow men we are all in all. How much love, joy and sunshine, peace, happiness and glory, we could bring to the hearts of those about us if we could but try, if we could displace selfishness by generosity, slander by praise, lies by truth, hatred by love, we could make this old world a fit habitation for God's noblest handiwork.

This is what we can do. Suppose we try.

Grand Secretary Winsor made his 23rd report and registered his 44th attendance at Grand Lodge.

A brother who had been suspended through mistake was reinstated and the two lodges involved were declared to be in fault, one for not sending notice to the last known place of address and the other for being careless in not having transfer certificate on file.

A pleasing incident then occurred, namely, a presentation to the official stenographer, H. A. Sherman by Bro. Winsor, of as fine a bag as ingenuity could create. In his response he said:

Although the grip presented is a very beautiful and costly one, its intrinsic worth is not the measure of its value. Its real value lies in the good will so eloquently expressed by the words of the Grand Secretary and the applause of Grand Lodge.

Our R.W. Bro. Gatfield responded pleasantly, saying among other things the following:

I listened to the pleasant things he said about your Grand Secretary. I do not think he said half enough. I want to say, that we think as much of your Grand Secretary, in Ontario, as you do yourselves, if not more. He is known from one end of the province to the other. A great many of them over there call him "Dad". I do not know why they are that familiar with him, but I know that he is known in Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, London, Winspor—and in fact all over the province. They look to Lou B. Winsor as the father, almost, of Masonry, over there.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported and their report was adopted:

No Mason within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall promote or organize any order or society, nor become a member of any order or society hereafter promoted, organized, or established in this Grand Jurisdiction, whose qualification for membership shall be Masonic affiliation, unless such order or society shall have received the formal approval of this Grand Lodge.

An appreciation of the Masonic services of Lou Winsor was appropriately presented by Bro. Lusk. The record is indeed a worthy and wonderful one. For instance he laid 86 cornerstones and his signature appears on 157 charters of lodges of the State. To sum up:

Herein is a remarkable record of loyalty and consecrated service, that challenges the attention of the wheel horses of Masonry everywhere.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." The greatness of Brother Lou is the outgrowth of his zeal, loyalty and constructive service. A devotion to Masonic fidelities of the highest order.

Upon being conducted to the Grand East the Grand

Lodge arose as one man and paid its homage to Brother Winsor in the greatest ovation ever accorded any man in Michigan Masonry.

His reply was of course felicitous.

The Committee on Appeals report in full, frankly naming the individuals accused and the crime committed. This we think is as it should be but others may disagree with us. In one ruling they held:

Your Committee is of the opinion that much of the testimony which was rejected was competent and should have been received. We feel that the accused is entitled to the benefit of all competent testimony offered.

The Grand Secretary in presenting an apron to the retiring Grand Master said:

But, of course, I am always for the secretaries. I believe that the best thing any constituent lodge can do is to elect the very best man they have in their lodge for secretary; and it goes without saying that that has always been the wisdom of the Grand Lodge. Grand Master Fox, very early in his administration, showed the marks of a very brilliant intellect when, in going to visit foreign Grand Jurisdictions, he had the foresight to take his own Grand Secretary along with him, which gave him an entree into good society that, of course, he would not have had otherwise.

Membership 146,255. Net gain 2,938.

John Rowson is the Grand Representative of Canada.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, facile princeps, is by R.W. Bro. Gallagher, who with R.W. Bro. Winsor, added so much to the splendid success of our meeting at Fort William and Port Arthur by their contagious personalities.

The whole proceedings of Michigan cover 968 pages of which the Correspondence Report worthily occupied over 450 pages.

Our colleague in his introduction says:

In spite of urgent exhortations, or entreaties, from other correspondents, to be prolix, he has been of pains to study brevity. How far he has succeeded, the printer alone can make known. It is to be hoped he has exorcised, at least, one hundred pages. The proceedings of the various jurisdictions are so replete with good things, the temptation to quote and comment too liberally is hard, impossible, in fact, to resist. If he has again failed to be brief, one consolation

sustains him—all that he has given is good reading, and from it both the Masonically erudite and the Masonically ignorant may learn something of value.

Under Alabama he comments thus on a useful provision and monitor.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence, beg to report that for good and sufficient reasons we have allowed the following Brethren to return to their homes before closing of the Grand Lodge:

Thirty-two were thus excused honorably and lawfully. It is a wise provision, and teaches the brethren that they come to Grand Lodge for a serious purpose and not on a holiday junket.

An incident under Arizona suggests this:

The majority of Masons are religious, though, perhaps, careless in expressing such convictions in practice.

Canada is delightfully and encouragingly reviewed. Of the Grand Master he says:

He is luxuriously apparelled, so much so that an American Grand Master, so far as regalia is concerned, looks to be in the primary class. But the M.W. Grand Master can adopt the well-known words of the Milkmaid: "My face is my fortune, sir, she said."

He was struck by the reception given Bro. Adam Brown and says:

Brother Adam Brown "was received by all rising and giving three cheers and a tiger".

Of other incidents and reports he writes as follows:

Brother Thomas Shanks presented "the daughter of the household"—the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and he did it eloquently.

The M.W. Grand Master's Address was read by the Acting Grand Master. Two excerpts from his introductory remarks—that's hardly the proper word—are worthy of being submitted because of their historical and statistical value.

The Grand Master submits the following, which is of interest to Michigan Masonry:

"To the Grand Master of the State of Michigan we extend a special word of welcome. For it was a Past Grand Master of that State who seventy years ago first consecrated this Grand Lodge and installed its first Grand Master."

Block, of Iowa, said that "Masonry is not a great charitable institution." The Grand Master of Canada says the same thing in a different way. Yet charity or benevolence is a by-product of immense proportions.

But what the Grand Master writes on the subject of Masonic Offences must be given in full, even though the printer is thereby so enriched that he may take a trip to the Occident or Orient. The insertion of this excerpt is not an accident. We in Michigan ought to join with the Grand Master of Canada in fighting the "sob squad".

The address of Bro. Ponton, in connection with the presentation of long service medals, is a gem. Is it an extravagance to give his closing words?

The report of the Board on the condition of Masonry is an excellent production. It shows painstaking care in its composition. Full of good things.

Of Presentations he says:

Let officers and brethren laugh and cry together. It is like plum pudding after Christmas dinner. We get a lot of enjoyment out of this "pious exercise" in Michigan.

Various quotations, quips, jests and serious comments of Michigan correspondent are inserted in the Canadian review.

Michigan's correspondent is greatly heartened by reading that, in the estimation of the Canadian Reviewer, Michigan correspondence is worthy to be spoken of as "this wonderful work."

He closes his review of England, which is one of the most complete we have read, with the following words:

There is an interesting and instructive discussion of Systematic Black-Balling, but it is too long to submit. It appeals to the writer as he once sat in Lodge, where the work was held up four months by the jealousy of a Past Master who feared his successor in office would raise more to the Sublime Degree than he had done. That, at least, was the reason currently assigned.

No portraits, no cuts, little or no poetry. Business from beginning to end. It is well.

All Canadian Jurisdictions appear to appeal to him. Under Manitoba we find:

Michigan's Correspondent has done a reprehensible thing in "blabbing", but he could not help it. David, or whoever wrote the 39th Psalm, was once in the same predicament. Read:

"I said I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep my mouth with a bridle.
I was dumb with silence, I held my peace even from
good:
And my sorrow was stirred.

My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing the fire burned;
Then spoke I with my tongue."

Only in this case, it is the pen that speaks.

Here is a quaint expression under Oregon:

The art of writing liturgies, or rituals, is fast fading, if it has not altogether disappeared. There is jazz in literature as well as in music.

And Scotland opens with the following sentence and with it we close the review of an outstanding and upstanding man and Mason:

We are separated from Scotland "*Oceano dissociabili*," "by the estranging main," as the erudite Mathew Arnold translates this phrase of Horace; but we are most closely united by the mystic tie of Masonry, which annihilates distance.

MINNESOTA

M.W. Brother Hayden French, Grand Master.

The cornerstone of the new High School at Duluth was laid according to the ancient custom of the Craft and also the cornerstone of Masonic Temples in other places and of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication was held in St. Paul, January 20th, 1926.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters, permanent and faithful members of Grand Lodge, were present in the East.

Canada was represented by the veteran Mason, Bro. Herman Held.

The Grand Master's address is full of interest. He says in his introduction:

What labor of love—what record of fraternal kindness—of patriotism—of loyalty to God, our Country, our neighbor, our Fraternity and our loved ones has been added to the old, perhaps musty pages of the past?

Have we fulfilled our solemn obligations to our brother, his mother, sister, daughter?

Have we given honor to whom honor is due—fraternal love to our brethren and kindred—reverence to Almighty God—comfort to the afflicted and those that mourn—Charity to those in destitution and want.

My brethren, if we have deferred or neglected, in any way, the important duties which, as Masons, we are in duty bound to perform, then our whole duty is not done—our spiritual temple

is unfinished—our working tools lie scattered upon the ground—the roll of the workmen has been called, and some there be that have not answered.

He speaks of the great work being done at Rochester, the home of the Mayo Clinic, and the present arrangement will be continued.

Among the decisions the following may be found of interest:

Request for list of members of a lodge for the purpose of soliciting insurance, by a member of the lodge, which the W.M. instructed the Secretary not to furnish. Approved.

Q. A member has lately joined the — Church, gone through bankruptcy, paid up his dues and asks a dimit; can the lodge refuse to grant the dimit?

A. No. The member has the right to do either of the acts complained of without a violation of any provision of the Code, unless the bankruptcy was fraudulent.

He does not approve of attending church in Regalia or doing anything either to attract attention or to advertise. Surely this is neither.

On the problem of De Molay he contributes these comments:

Masonry supports and recognizes what is good in any individual, society, church or fraternity; likewise condemns intolerance, wrong, injustice, class government, attempted enforcement of law by unlawful methods or disloyalty in any form or manner.

He touches on two troubles thus:

In the matter of a Masonic trial, why should the charges preferred, the progress of the proceeding, and the result of the trial be the subject of public discussion, and the result known among the profane immediately after the trial is concluded?

Campaigning for lodge office, business differences and "introduction of strangers among the workmen", have caused dissension in some instances, but subsequent adjustments have generally restored the previous existing harmony.

Membership 59,586. Net gain 1,490.

Of trials the Jurisprudence Committee say, as in accord with most Grand Jurisdictions:

The general trend of Masonic legislation upon trial procedure is toward the creation of a Trial Commission as a trial tribunal in place of the summoned membership of a lodge.

A dramatic case came before Appeals and Grievances. A Mason was tried for arson, convicted and paroled.

Years afterwards his son confessed that the blame was his, that he had burned the house because his father wouldn't let him marry a girl. He was restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The report of the Committee on the Washington National Memorial was accepted, one of the clauses being the following:

The aggressive campaign of the Masonic Home Association, a campaign with which we are all in sympathy with an appeal that reaches the heart of every Mason, has so overshadowed the matter of building this Memorial that subscriptions have fallen off markedly during the last year.

The Home Fund with contributions and pledges amounts to the splendid total of \$305,885.

A fine address was given by Bro. Bugbee from which we make some altogether out of the ordinary selections. It is full of literary allusions:

The spirit of peace and contentment which characterizes the family of elderly men and women who are drawing near the sunset of their lives is in itself a sufficient compensation for the labor and money expended.

We live on the border of two worlds which we variously call the ideal and the real, the theoretical and the practical, the world of thought and the world of action.

In every nature there are two windows. One of them opens out upon the fair and lovely garden of the soul full of shelter and of fountains, where long vistas of truth and beauty stretch away to blend with the ideal. Here have sat all the good, the wise and the great of human history, for it is the window of inspiration.

But beautiful as all this may be, there is that other window which looks out upon the noisy, busy street of human life, where the cry of the dependent and oppressed, the plea of lonely little children, smite up against our ears.

"But the young, young children,
O, my brothers, they are weeping bitterly;
They are weeping in the play time of the others,
In the country of the free."

J. G. Holland reminds us in "Bitter Sweet" that there are three classes of people in the world. The first class are those master minds who dwell so near the stars that they hear celestial melodies and catch the inspiration of great thoughts. And then there is a second class whose mission it is to receive the truth from the master minds and to crumble it up for the feeding of the third class—the great mass of weary, hungry, human souls. And there can be no greater ambition in this life than to fulfill that second calling. To stand between God and man,

between truth and duty, between the vision and the task until our life shall become an anvil upon which God can hammer out the raw truth into useful implements.

May God help us to fulfill our obligations as light bringers to those who sit in darkness.

R.W. Bro. Haentschel represents Minnesota in our true North.

E. A. Montgomery is the able Chairman of Foreign Correspondence.

He finds British Columbia a fertile field and quotes:

"Oh, yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill,
Of pangs of nature, sins of will,
Defeats of doubt, and stains of blood.
That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God has made the pile complete."

Under California he says:

He called attention to the one great danger to American Freemasonry—the existence of extraneous organizations or the so-called side degrees.

Bro. Gaylord, Grand Orator, delivered a very forceful oration in which he appealed to Masons to have "the courage of a man's conviction" in facing the problems of the day, and to shake off political and moral indolence as to the affairs of life.

Canada is generously reviewed. Of Grand Master Drope's address he says:

The lodges were warned that there must be a closer co-operation in the benevolent work; that where assistance is required it should be given in the most effective manner.

He speaks of the G.M's visit to Ireland, and of the presentation of Long Service Medals, also of the fine report of the late R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, from which he quotes at length. Of our review he kindly says:

He taps "some of the artesian wells from the addresses and reports of the Grand Masters and their official families who, as Stewards of the Mysteries, yearly surrender and pass on their trusts." Bro. Ponton gives a very exhaustive and instructive review.

England has the longest and best review of all, covering eight solid pages. He comments upon the splendid relief given to 76 petitioners and makes long extracts from the Board of General Purposes adding:

Three Princes of the Blood Royal were installed Pro Grand Masters during the year, a circumstance unprecedented in Masonic history and of great encouragement to the Craft.

Under Utah he again tackles the universal problem:

All clubs in the jurisdiction that require as a prerequisite to membership that the members shall be Masons, were subjected to regulatory supervision of the Grand Lodge. All such organizations are prohibited from commencing their proceedings or activities without such approval.

The Masonic Veterans' Association flourishes apace.

MISSISSIPPI

M.W. Thomas Q. Ellis, Grand Master.

The opening exercises presided over by James F. Hill, Superintendent Meridian Masonic Home, included the orchestra of the Home, vocal numbers and addresses.

The address of welcome to the "Magnolia State" was very cordial and enthusiastic; Bro. Brittain stating that he represented the Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Shrine and also those who have seen the Star in the East, and not to end there he also represented "our two baby Organizations" the De Molay and the Rainbow for Girls, and it was perhaps therefore appropriate that he should welcome Grand Lodge not merely as an organization but as individuals and he added "we open our arms and hearts to each of you." Query—did he have the authority of the Rainbow Girls and the Eastern Star to do this? However Mrs. Gussie Evans was equally cordial and American, saying in her address:

The American home, the church, and the public school are factors in the lives of the young people of to-day, which will determine the future of America, and if of America, then, of the world.

The Order of Eastern Star owes its very existence to a Mississippi Mason, and we as loyal Mississippians, are very proud that it was in this state, and under the sponsorship, no doubt of this Grand Lodge, that our Order was born.

May the golden cord that binds us together, grow stronger as the years go by, and may each of us, who wear the square and compasses, etc.

The One Hundred and eighth Annual Communication opened in Meridian, in the Master Mason's Degree, February 23rd, 1926.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were in the sunlight in the East.

The address of Grand Master Ellis is entitled "Rose and Thorn". His introduction is attractive:

To our Past Grand Masters—Masonry's war horses; to our active Grand Officers—Masonry's masterpiece of human machinery; to our representatives of subordinate lodges—Masonry's Hope; and to the visiting brethren within our gates—our guests, I would say:

You're as welcome as the sunshine that drives the clouds away,

You're as welcome as the restful night that ends the restless day.

You're as welcome as the wife's deep sleep when lodge don't close 'till late—

(The good old, nice old, friendly clock that stops at half past eight).

Of those who have passed away he says feelingly:

We realize that each was OUR BROTHER, and that even as we mourn their going we are conscious of their presence by influence and good works that cannot die; when our faith in Immortality is strengthened by that communion of spirits which the materialist can no more experience than he can understand—LO! these experiences are beautiful ROSES.

His decisions are interesting. The Secretary of a Lodge declining to accept an irregularly attending Brother's dues from his Brother, the member being seriously ill, the G.M. rightly determined that the Secretary had no right to use his discretion and should have accepted the amount of dues.

As to the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge Team he thus decides:

Q. Can our lodge properly invite or permit a team designated as "Scottish Rite Blue-Lodge Team" to visit our lodge for the purpose of conferring either of the Three Degrees?

A. No. Fraternal visitations, including the conferring of degrees, one lodge for another, are inspirational and deserving of encouragement, but such activities should have their origin and inception in the Lodge only and should be under direct supervision of Lodge officers using their regular Lodge Teams. Such visitations should have as their objective only the promotion of interest in so called "Blue Lodge" Masonry and should not have in view—even as a secondary consideration, actively or by implication—the promotion of interest in any other Rite or Body.

He forbids the use of any part of the Temple or building to be used as a Dance Hall.

He recommends that all Lodge trials be reviewed by Grand Lodge so that individual lodges may not "misrepresent Masonry".

He eulogizes the Masonic Service Association—"through it they are getting higher conceptions of Masonic duty".

As a train despatcher he has a word of praise for the "best railroad on earth"—the Illinois Central.

Membership 35,500. Net gain 792. Lodges 388.

The Law Committee held that a Minstrel Show under the auspices of a lodge violates the principles and practices of Masonry.

As to a member who is criminally insane and found judicially to be so, the Grand Master decides:

His status as a member of your lodge, is not affected by the unfortunate circumstances narrated.

No moral turpitude attaches to acts committed by an insane person.

Two other decisions are:

The preferring of charges against a brother abates or abridges none of his Masonic privileges. His trial and conviction alone can do this.

If your son is an unmarried man, and has always considered the home of his parents his own home, and if he has never exercised the right of franchise in Detroit, or elsewhere save within the jurisdiction of your Lodge, he is eligible, otherwise he is not.

George N. Jackson, whose address is given as Winnipeg, is on the roll as the Representative of Mississippi near Canada.

Grand Master Ellis himself represents Canada.

The Foreign Correspondence is under the Chairmanship of Bro. W. C. Walker.

Canada is not included in the list.

Under Arkansas we read:

Never has there been such power to assist nor such willingness to love and comfort. This spirit of helpfulness is the "Immediate Jewel of a Mason's Soul," and should be kept bright and shining.

England is, we are glad to note, given a very full and fruitful review.

Under Kentucky the point is again emphasized that lodgerooms should be used only for Masonic purposes. He adds:

The "necessity" should be that of the lodge and not that of the other organizations desiring to use the lodge room. If a lodge is able to own its hall it must keep the hall for its own use and not share it with others.

Little Tasmania gives him many thoughts, We quote:

"Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one Fraternity."

MISSOURI

M.W. Bro. William W. Martin, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's fine features and biography precede the Proceedings. His biographer says:

He is a man to "the manor born," and has succeeded in every field of endeavor into which he has entered. Many of Brother Martin's friends attribute his splendid achievements to his intrinsic goodness, his absolute sincerity, and his never-failing courtesy—of which he is the embodiment.

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication was held in St. Louis, October 26th, 1926.

The Grand Master thus opens his address:

May we pause, to gratefully acknowledge Him as the "Giver of all good gifts and graces," and to thank Him for His mercy and His guidance during the past year.

He modestly regrets that the increase is only 1,211—nothing to apologize for—and says:

The world is not interested in numbers, but in deeds. The size of an army does not measure its efficiency. Gideon of old sent home the fearful, and reduced his army to only those who swore that they would not sit down to eat bread or even lie down to drink water out of a river so long as an enemy remained in the land. Freemasons do not need to worry about the size of their army, but they should be gravely concerned about the opportunities of the passing years.

Under Necrology he quotes:

How well he fell asleep!
Like some proud river, widening toward the sea;
Calmly and grandly, silently and deep,
Life joined eternity.

After many years and much travail the great Temple at St. Louis has been completed. The G.M. says:

There have been many growing pains, but today the Temple stands ready for use. An advertisement, if you please, to the world of the vision, liberality and perseverance of the Freemasons of St. Louis.

As to reading which maketh the full man, he says:

Someone has said that "Information is the beginning of inspiration."

Among his decisions he holds that the exhibition of the Square and Compasses on the front of an automobile radiator is not in violation of By-laws unless used for commercial or other business enterprises.

As to whether the Lodge should refund any portion of the petitioner's fee, his advancement having been stayed on objections made, the G.M. ruled:

The contract between the lodge and a petitioner for the Degrees is subject to the implied condition that his advancement may be delayed or prevented by objection or charges and the fee is paid by him with no provision for the return of any part of it if his advancement be so delayed or prevented.

He also rules that Missouri has never authorized the publication of work in code, and requires it to be surrendered.

As to residence, irregular initiation out-of-bounds, and its result to the candidate he holds—

It is my opinion that the action of the lodge in receiving and balloting on the petition of the candidate was null and void, and therefore does not affect the status of the petitioner if he desires to petition a lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides.

Membership 113,212.

Initiation fees during the year \$10. each for Masonic Home, amounted to the handsome sum of \$40,980.

Three photo-engravings of the magnificent new Temple in St. Louis, stately in architecture and massive in design, filled most satisfyingly three pages. That it was a worth-while ceremonial we can gather from this description:

Enlivened by the music of fifteen bands, military, Shrine, and Grotto under Bro. Gen. Eugene J. Spencer, Grand Marshal, the parade, more than a mile and a half long, moved east on Lindell Boulevard to the Temple.

Arrived at the Temple, military officers were grouped on the west side of the entrance and those of the navy on the

east. Standard and flag bearers then stepped from the ranks and were grouped on and about the buttresses beside the steps; other uniformed bodies, including bands and a bag-pipe band in regulation dress, were arranged around the base of the steps.

Grand Master Wm. W. Martin and his escort, together with officers and directors of the Temple Association and special guests, were arranged along the front of the structure.

Slowly changing from orange to rose and then to lavender as the westerling sun stole down to meet the purple horizon, the scene took on all the wild beauty and splendor of the pageantry of old "when knights were brave with hearts of gold."

From the address of welcome we take this worthy paragraph:

This magnificent home which is not only a monumental temple of our Fraternity, but such a distinctive civic addition to the public buildings of our City that disinterested, qualified observers have proclaimed and heralded it as one of the outstanding architectural achievements of the age!

And from Rev. Bro. Holt's dedicatory address these thoughts are out of the ordinary and interesting:

One after another found his mansion, until only the village doctor and John Weightman were left; to one of the most beautiful of the mansions the doctor was directed and John Weightman to a small house built of discarded things, with only a shrub in the yard. Grieved and surprised, the man of wealth and influence heard the guiding angel say, "This is the material you sent us! Here are the things that count; only that good which is done for the love of doing it. Only those labors in which the sacrifice is greater than the reward. Only those gifts in which the giver forgets himself."

Of materials like these this temple is built. Those who have lived the principles of Masonry in our great city are the real builders of this Temple, and I fancy I can hear from the top of this building the song of these workers.

"Come, my friends!

'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.

. . . . That which we are, we are—

One equal temper of heroic hearts

Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

"I wish that there were some wonderful place

Called the Land of Beginning Again,

Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches

And all of our poor selfish grief

Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,

And never put on again.

In the evening a fine oration was delivered by Bro. Brooks from which we cannot resist taking a few sentences:

I would like to define the purpose of education, in addition to that of adapting man to his environment, that of enabling man to adapt environment to himself, to master the secrets of Nature, to control its forces in his own interest, to make them usable, as we are now doing.

Now, even if every man was as important as some think they are, still the individual man would be of minor importance as compared with the associations of men.

Now, all of that makes me think of Uncle Sammy as described in Carleton's book, where he said:

Some men were born for great things

And some were born for small,

And some it isn't recorded

Just why they were born at all.

So, then, to summarize: Masonry deals with the individual and Masonry deals with the group, and the method of its dealing is the inspiration and ideal of its individual members as exhibited by their conduct outside the lodge.

The men from Missouri are great on orations and the same evening the brethren listened to one from Rev. Bro. Evans, who gave utterance to the following thoughts that breathe:

I mean first of all that we shall vitalize the ritual of Masonry.

I believe every junior officer of every lodge in Missouri will agree that one of the things we must do is to put more life and meaning into the ritual as it is practiced.

For my part, I shall never forget the manner of my entrance into the lodge in the First Degree. What a picture that gives you, when you consider that every Mason in the world, high or low, rich or poor, enters Masonry in that way, acknowledging humbly his lack of light, willing to reduce himself to that dead level of humility in the presence of his brethren and willing to acknowledge that he has not mastered the secrets either of fellowship, brotherhood or social conduct and is willing to learn!

And then I think another thing is possible to us, as we make Masonry more Masonic. It is this: we need to project the principles of Masonry into the days in which we live here and now.

The Crusaders succeeded in coming in contact with strange races that enlarged their vision, that increased their sense of fellowship and responsibility.

And the Crusaders partly laid the foundation of the Renaissance and the Reformation; they laid the foundation of the new light that came into men's lives.

Grand Lodge was deeply stirred on the second morning by the very sudden death of P.G.M. Wilson who had taken a large share in the Proceedings of the previous day.

The Board of Relief shows that stringent times are not confined to Canada or indeed to any Jurisdiction:

We have real men for real jobs and exert every effort to place applicants who will render efficient service.

Labor conditions have been very unsatisfactory during the year and it has required continuous effort on the part of all to show an increase in positions as compared to the preceding year.

The consulting architect, J. L. Heckenlively (blessed with a wonderful name) thus certifies the Temple to Grand Lodge:

I have made numerous visits to the building in the past year and can say that constructive science can not erect a better building.

Eighteen fatherless children of France are on Missouri's philanthropic list.

The Jurisprudence Committee thus responded in connection with the Grand Master's rulings:

In this connection we recommend that when any lodge is in doubt as to whether a candidate can, by the aid of artificial appliances, conform to the necessary ceremonies, it should submit the question to the M.W. Grand Master to the end that he may cause the District Deputy Grand Master to procure and report to him the facts concerning the ability of the candidate so to conform and, upon receipt of the information from the District Deputy, render his ruling thereon.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances had indeed their hands full and must have sat for nights and days considering the various cases.

One brother having attacked another with a pistol and the other having attacked him with a hammer, both were found and pronounced guilty and both were expelled from all rights and privileges of Freemasonry. Apparently the "germ pugnacious" exists in Missouri bosoms as well as in British breasts.

On Death the In Memoriam Committee quote:

I am the cloud that, when earth's day is done,
An instant veils an unextinguished sun;
I am the brooding hush that follows strife,
The waking from a dream that man calls life.

Missouri is represented in Canada by Donald Sutherland and Rollin C. Blackmere, represents Canada.

The Correspondence Report of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Arthur Mather D.D., who lives well up to his obligations and traditions, is preceded by a touching word of greeting from Grand Correspondent C. C. Woods, who ruled Grand Lodge nearly fifty years ago.

The correspondent has also gathered most interesting statistics of which the following will be informative to our brethren. The membership of the whole of Canada is given as 188,050, that of Great Britain and Ireland is 450,000; that of the known world of recognized Jurisdictions 4,040,014, the year's gain is 109,653, the number of guests in the Masonic Homes of the United States is 5,924, and approximately the assets of the Masonic Homes reach 20 million dollars.

Our colleague has the faculty of grasping poetry with discriminating hand. Under Arkansas we find:

Look at my Fez and splendid Shrine pin,
My 32nd Degree ring with the diamond set in.
I have got it all, you must agree with me.
"Not all, my son, not all," said he.

I am proud of your earnest efforts, my Son,
Pleased you love Masonry and the work you have done,
But the beauties of Masonry dwell within,
And rarely agree with the size of the pin.

Canada is briefly but cordially reviewed. He speaks of our progress, of the Grand Master's address, with special reference to the K.K.K., of the presentation to the Veteran Past Masters and speaks of our review as valuable and worthy.

Of laying of cornerstones he says:

Verily our Masonry is at its best when engaged in work of this kind.

Under Massachusetts he is greatly struck with the speech made by Canon Shatford of Montreal, from which he quotes:

The star of brotherhood is your guide and mine, and if we be wise men we will permit nothing to hinder us from following

the gleam. We will keep our eyes on the star of brotherhood; wherever we are and whatever we may do, and follow it until it leads us into the consummation of our desires.

The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is Brotherhood;
For that will bring again to Earth
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth.

North Carolina's review closes with this verse:

That something we have made or done
Has brought delight to anyone,
Yes, know we served our fellowmen.
Then we are paid—but not till then.

In "Observations" he says that the increase in membership for the whole Country for ten years is more than 80%.

The increases for the past year, however, show a decided diminution; and the reports indicate that, in the large majority of lodges, in the matter of degree-conferring, the "sound of the grinding" is much lower.

As to Foreign Relations he speaks thus cautiously:

Grand Lodge Committees on Foreign Recognition are carefully scrutinizing applications that come before them; and in this there is great wisdom. Clandestine lodges still keep making their appearance, here and there, with their attendant embarrassments.

He gives unqualified praise to New Mexico Tubercular work and says that it may be expected that this will develop the largest out-burst of Masonic philanthropy that has ever been witnessed.

MONTANA

Up to the hour of closing this Report we have not received the Proceedings of this vigorous and tonic Jurisdiction and we miss the refreshing energy which they always give.

NEBRASKA

M.W. John Wright, Grand Master.

A special meeting was called to dedicate the Infirmary of the Nebraska Masonic Home, at which a striking address by M.W. Bro. Wilson on "The Beneficence of Modern Science" was delivered.

These extracts will illustrate matter and manner:

We have dedicated this beautiful and convenient building to the relief of human suffering. This infirmary is to be devoted to assuaging the pain, and, if may be, to curing the ills, of Masons and those whom some Mason has loved. These ceremonies are symbolical; they are the outward expression of those inward impulses that made this building possible.

While we, in form, dedicate this building to its noble purposes, in a far more important sense, we here dedicate the more than forty thousand Free Masons of Nebraska to the service of mankind.

Who can doubt that the giving of these funds by these forty thousand Masons does them, in the aggregate, more good than is done by their benefactions to the few score who reside here. This giving warms the hearts and broadens the sympathies of forty thousand—their generosity relieves the want and suffering of a few score who receive it.

The Great Book tells us that, "He that careth not for his own, the same is worse than a heathen."

So here, forty thousand of Nebraska's noblest and best are annually contributing to maintain this institution in order that if adversity comes, as come it may to any of us, we, or our dependent relatives, may accept its kindly offices without chagrin or humiliation.

2,000 members were present:

Rejoice with the brethren that they had arrived at that period in their Masonic labors when they were really able to bind up the wounds of the afflicted and give loving care and comfort to those of our brethren and their families, who are no longer able to care for themselves.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Omaha, June 8th, 1926.

The Grand Chaplain's invocation was fine:

Bless all our brothers wherever they are dispersed throughout the world, and our home folks.

Grant that in the hours we remain here together we may come closer and closer, and the feeling towards each other and the bond that holds us to one another and to Thine own great heart of love, be made stronger.

We ask that guidance, we ask this fellowship for Thine own name sake.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters shared the experiences of the past in the service of the present and gave their counsel and advice.

M.W. Bro. Thummel installed Grand Master in 1876, was warmly greeted and in the light of his half

century in the Grand East delivered a mellowing and gracious address in which he quoted:

And coming to Nebraska, what shall I say of her?

"Thou Brown Foundling of the treeless plains,
Whose baby bed was prowled round by the red man's
stealthy tread,

And who grew strong through shifts and wants and pains
Nursed by strong men with an empire in their brains."

He received a basket of 50 golden roses.

The Masonic Quartette entertained the Brethren with delightful numbers.

Grand Master Wright shared his thoughts with his Brethren in these words:

Lord, give me the strength of the Pioneer
And the faith of his hardy soul!
Provide me with courage to persevere;
Make me fight till I reach my goal.

I want to be known as a man who wins,
As a fellow with nerve and pluck
Who finishes everything he begins,
And as one who can whip his luck!

He who would fill the office of Grand Master with any degree of satisfaction to himself and profit to the Craft, I feel must need have use of the spirit expressed in this poem. To administer justice without favoritism and decide impartially are not at all times easy things to do.

He laid seven cornerstones during the year. Why should we not do the same in Canada.

Of other important matters he says:

I am heartily in favor of these Schools of Instruction and if any recommendation were to be made it would be that every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction should be examined every year as to their proficiency.

Perhaps one of the most satisfying subjects which comes under the observation of the Grand Master is the manner of conducting our Homes at Fremont and Plattsmouth.

These Homes are the high lights of Masonry, and the Infirmary is the crowning feature of all our charities.

He dealt out discipline with a firm hand.

From his conclusion we take this paragraph as reflecting conditions, calling for remedial action:

Early in the year there were quite a number of lodges wherein it seemed to be that considerable discord was prevalent mostly on account of their inability to receive favorable action on the petitions of candidates for the

degrees of Masonry. After analyzing the situation and entering into personal conversation with many of the brethren of some of these lodges, I became convinced that the principal trouble was that in many instances matters of a personal nature were being taken into the lodge room, the brethren having apparently forgotten for the time being that these things have no part in Masonry. Also that business and actions taken in the lodge room were on the same night or on the following day being broadcasted to brethren who had not been in attendance and in some cases to those who were not even Masons.

Members 40,927. Gain 650.

The report of the Grand Custodian, M.W. Bro. Robert E. French, commonly known apparently to his colleagues as "Uncle Bob" is a unique and striking production. He spares not, he builds. The following extracts will illustrate:

As far as I am concerned, I am well satisfied and convinced that Ancient Craft Masonry is founded on the Ancient Wisdom Religion, which rests upon three eternal postulates, namely preparation, probation, and progression. I have found out much better, and I am now at the present time studiously practicing and demonstrating the 44th symbol, Silence and Circumspection. But just so long as you take the letter of the work for its spiritual meaning, it is my opinion that you will be groping in the darkness for a long while, for to undertake to explain a metaphysical science on a material basis will never bring you from darkness to light.

We will not have any arguments, or controversies, or persuasions, or undue influences practiced in our studies of Ancient Craft Masonry, for its basis is the truth. It has stood the test of time, and there is no question but what it will always stand as eternal as the Rock of Ages.

And after fifty-four years, I find that he who minds his own business is never out of a job.

There are a great many things that I think that the Craft should be informed on for their own practical good, for their protection, welfare, and promotion of the principles of masonry and the preservation of its reputation pure and unsullied. This of course, is all outside of the esoteric work.

The mysteries of Masonry cannot be told,

In ritual, rites, or legends of old.

But down on the level where the Master trod,

It points out the way that leads us to God.

Grand Orator Reeves delivered an oration from which the following sentences may be taken as examples of his eloquence:

Those things which were true in the beginning will remain true unto the end. The world moves and the old order changeth, but the principles, founded upon the eternal verities and which operate in obedience to natural law, are unchanging and unchangeable.

The difficulty of the hour is the lack of understanding. The signs of the times which point clearly to sectional bitterness in this nation of ours, have their origin, not alone in diversity of interests and clash of selfish purposes, but in inability to secure sufficient information to grasp the others' viewpoint.

The man whose memory has been perpetuated in marble is the man who gave most to the world, not the man who took the most from it.

Masonry is a golden cord that attaches us intimately with a remote past. But it is more than that in its promise for the future. Abating nothing of my love for this ancient craft, I am conscious that we cannot fix our eyes upon the past without walking backward into the future. This troubled, restless world requires of us those things we have to give. Our obligations of yesterday have been fulfilled. Now "the light streams on the path ahead and no where else."

The Committee on Masonic Education educate in their report:

Next to life and its continuance the most extraordinary gift of God to man, is ability to know. Recognizing, that the true end of intellect is the increase of its store, and that each man must be a constant student if he would in any large measure fill his place in the Divine Plan, Masonry has always encouraged the searcher after truth.

We ought never to fail in attendant faithfulness to our lodges; this is written in the book on the altar—"That we are not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Great word that, ASSEMBLING. You will find its interpretation in some great machine shop, where the parts are brought together to complete the engine, according to the master's plan, not one part must be missing, there is no unimportant member—finally, it stands perfected. Oh, yes— One thing more—turn on its power. Now it will bear to have tremendous burdens rolled upon its splendid strength. Now, it belongs to the State, the Nation, the World.

The third radiation, inevitably carried us beyond the lodge room walls, to aid in lighting and lifting a weary waiting world; it is Masonry—first mastering, then torching revealed truth.

The Committee on Orphans report:

We cannot refrain from bringing to the attention of the Grand Lodge the wonderful donations of money, furniture, instruments, linens, pictures, and works of art, made.

Canada is represented by John R. Webster and Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. of our Grand Chapter, represents Nebraska with us.

Frank L. Haycock writes a condensed and able review.

Under Arkansas he says critically:

"The Mission of Masonry! He who would describe that Mission must be a poet, a musician and a seer—a master of melodies, echoes, and long, far-sounding cadences. Now, as always, it toils to make man better."

He may be right and qualified to speak. It is a splendid ideal anyway. We may remark that heretofore and up to now the resultant effect of that mission is not clearly discernible to much extent. The uplifting to an Utopian state must build upon deeper foundations than reformation of men's morals. We wish that Masonry could take as its slogan that simple phrase of our first republic builders, "Establish Justice". We can safely rest on our laurels as a great and efficient relief institution if we would make claims we can substantiate.

California gives him this opportunity:

With the utmost friendliness, yet with determined criticism, his voice is raised to deplore as well as warn in matters altogether too flagrant in the conduct unbecoming Masons, in those who seem to think that membership in those-so-called higher orders puts them beyond loyalty to the obligation of their mother lodge.

Canada receives friendly and fraternal treatment. From our colleague's kindly comments we quote:

Benevolence may not be our aim or purpose, but it must be admitted it is one thing we practice most efficiently.

In the next chapter, deploring the prevalence of Masonic offences and the reluctance and unwillingness on the part of some lodges in dealing with the accused, he points out the need of action.

The Ku Klux Klan is dealt with in the same forcible denial of affiliation as is the case in practically all of our Grand Lodges this side of the border.

Although a jurisdiction of over 100 thousand Masons, Ontario has never yet adopted the institutional plan for caring for her indigent, aged, or orphan charges.

In fourteen cases before the Board of Grievances and Appeals no single word indicates the nature of the offense under consideration when criminality is involved. We wish

them to know that this has the approval of one humble observer. Crime, as it is, has too much space in the daily press without being augmented by our printed record.

The report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is important for its guiding principles displayed by mature and erudite talent. It promulgates a domestic standard "with admonition due."

The Board on Fraternal Correspondence report (adopted) that negotiations with a view to recognition be continued with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico; also that negotiations be entered into with Denmark, France, and with such others as are officially recognized by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles.

The review is by Bro. Ponton.

We are rather glad that the space allotted him is not subject to our efforts, as we would find it difficult to duplicate his estimable work. It is, however, liberally embellished with quotation.

After Colorado he interjects Whittier's verse:

Oh! speed the moment on
When wrong shall cease,—and
liberty, and love,
And truth, and right throughout
the earth be known
As in their home above.

And after Connecticut one from Keats:

In the long vista of the years to roll,
Let me not see my country's honor fade:
O! let me see our land retain its soul,
Her pride, her freedom, and not freedom's shade.

He thus concludes his Irish review:

Enough is given us, to warrant the statement that Ireland has, in many ways, the most wonderful Grand Lodge in the world. Long may she live and prosper.

Touching Texas he says:

There was much of bright and happy feature—much to be deplored in the regretful necessity for unveiling sordidness and misconduct. Texas is working hard to make Masonry shine—fearlessly and dutifully.

Virginia produces these good words:

He is alive to the highest in Masonic aspiration, and expresses it in our favorite words: "Power" linked with "good". We contend the phrase bears repetition and that Bacon spoke a great truth.

NEVADA

M.W. Clarence L. Young, Grand Master.

The Sixty-second Annual Communication convened in Reno 10th June, 1926. Sixteen Past Grand Masters occupied seats of honour and of duty in the Grand East.

The Stars and Stripes were escorted to the Altar, the brethren singing the National Anthem and saluting the Flag:

The Grand Master then placed the Grand Lodge in charge of the Grand Marshal for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Nevada State Historical and Exposition Building, situate in Reno.

Where Bro. Ducker, Justice of the Supreme Court delivered an inspiring address, saying:

The Order has always been engaged in work of a constructive kind, both in the past and in its modern character. It has never been a destroyer of anything that tended to the good of mankind, either materially, morally or intellectually. Love and devotion have always marked its progress by active efforts and silent influences. In its operative character it performed work of incalculable value to mankind in the erection of buildings in their entirety. It has been truly said:

"Centuries were consumed by the Fraternity in rearing those wondrous churches and cathedrals which adorn not only the continent, but the Island which gave birth to the present system of science, and wherever the beautiful order of architecture, the Gothic is observed, the Mason is reminded that it originated with our ancient Brethren and is a gift of the Craft to the Church."

The magnificent temple of Solomon was the work of the Jewish builders, and such was their skill and ingenuity that there was "neither hammer nor ax, nor any tool of iron heard throughout the house while in the building."

"No workman's steel, no ponderous axes rung;

Like some tall pine the noiseless fabric sprung."

In surpassing beauty, and matchless excellence it rose proudly on the mount and was dedicated by the visible glory of the King of Kings.

No; you have not ceased to build. You have kept the faith with those who have gone before—kept the faith in progress, courage, virtue, high resolve.

And here today is placed a votive stone on which shall rise an edifice sentient with the forward looking spirit of the hour.

Let it rise, ye workmen! Set its foundations sure and its walls plumb! Now is the time and here is the place.

Here in this classic city, throned queen-like on the marge of the abounding river, under the crest of the mighty Sierras, may it stand, and may it long stand as an eloquent trophy of the "Battle Born State!"

During the address of the Grand Master the roll of Departed Brethren was called and the last farewell said:

The Grand Master made many visitations. Among his recommendations this sounds peculiar to us. What have we to do Masonically with the Eastern Star?

I recommend that some provision be made in our regulations so that a Brother can petition for the degrees in the Order of the Eastern Star, immediately after he receives the third degree, without time restriction.

With regard to Education the G.M. is very much in earnest:

My brethren, we should seriously consider this matter; it is our duty as citizens of the greatest Republic of all time to visit our public schools, for the purpose of obtaining first hand evidence of what our teachers are doing; finding out for ourselves whether or not we have thoroughly American teachers employed, and also whether or not American ideals are being taught therein to the children who in a few short years are to take our places in handling Governmental affairs.

Never let it be written in history that this Republic of ours, a country of the people, by the people and for the people, perished from the earth for the reason that its citizens, through indifference to constituted authority and greed for material things, lost track of the greatest thing of all—"Liberty".

Membership 2,721. Gain 34.

Grand Secretary Vanderlieth as usual, gives more than a statistical report, saying:

The greatest service to Nevada from the Masonic Service Association must come through the Association's splendid efforts for education and enlightenment; but no worth while good can, nor ever will, come save through enthusiastic Masters and Secretaries, backed by mutual co-operation, a working together intelligently and effectively by officers and the Brethren.

No man was born to fight alone! Brethren, let us be more zealous to serve, more thoughtful of the man that's down; more willing to lend a hand—the hand of a friend!

"It lightens our cares and it strengthens the weak,
The hue of the rose it brings back to the cheek,
The chords of the soul, that were silent so long
It strikes with the notes of a wonderful song;
The grasp of a hand that is honest and true
Refreshes the mind like the Orient dew.
And it seems that the blessings of cycles descend
When we feel the warm touch of the hand of a friend."

Grand Orator Richards delivered the oration, from which we take the following sentences:

I was recently impressed by the words of Doctor Elliot:

"If I had the opportunity to say a final word to all the young people of America, it would be this: Don't think too much about yourselves. Try to cultivate the habit of thinking of others. This will reward you. Nourish your minds by good reading, constant reading. Discover what your life work is; work in which you can do most good, in which you can be happiest. Be unafraid in all things when you know you are in the right."

"Who takes for his motto, 'I'll do what I can'.

Shall better the world as he goes down life's hill;
The willing young heart makes the capable man,
And who does what he can, oft can do what he will."

The Committee on Jurisprudence make this general recommendation (see G.M's address), which was adopted:

We do not approve of changing the time limit of one year before application for membership can be made in any organization or order where membership in Masonry is prerequisite.

The Memorial pages are as usual in Nevada, striking and beautiful, the first is headed "At the Top of the Road" the second: "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep". Others are entitled "Beyond the Midnight and the Dark," "The Hills of Rest" and "Gone into the Life of the Eeternal Beyond".

Frank Bell represents Canada in Nevada, and W. R. Ledger (of the St. Patrick) represents Nevada with us.

Grand Commissioner of Review Vanderlieth prefaces his report with this verse:

O Mighty Lord of trade's high-running sea,
Grant us an echo of that distant main,
Beyond dark wastes of danger to attain.
The Coast of Courage! Strand of Bravery!

Grant an Assurance and a Hope more free
 That over stiller waters we may gain
 At length a vaster vision, not in vain,
 Of Thine eternal Opportunity!

Under Arizona he writes:

In these days of radio we know that words spoken into the air start vibrations which quiver on into space. So with our influences, Brethren, which go out from us as Craftsmen—they will go on and on, perhaps, forever—

“Our shadow-selves, our influence may fall
 Where we can never be.”

Under British Columbia we find this:

Our experience has shown that the more of sacredness about the ballot, and its right, the better it is for Masonry. There is no telling what object, or purpose, is back of a reconsideration of a ballot.

Under Canada our own Grand Master receives this personal compliment and we all do through him:

M.W. Bro. Rowland is enthroned on the title page. He looks the ideal Master—intellect, firmness, dignity are in evidence, and kindliness glows from his eyes.

The Brethren will be helpers, counsellors, consolers and true friends in the hour of need. In no sense of the word is Masonry an institution that does out sick benefits, funeral expenses or gratuities to the family whether needed or not. Such benefit funds are in opposition to the pure system of Masonic charity, which bids the Brethren to relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries and to restore health and peace to their troubled minds.

He then quotes what he terms are “words of courage” and from the report on the Condition of Masonry he quotes “words of wisdom”.

Of our own Review he kindly says:

Bro. Ponton submits an excellent review, scholarly throughout. He summarizes in an interesting and readable way all matters of current practical interest, and his comments are uniformly filled with the true Masonic spirit.

Iowa always gives to all reviewers ample suggestion for comment and Nevada does not neglect the opportunity:

His “Afterword” is a strong plea for music, urging that we preach less and make more use of it in the ritual. We have always stood consistently for its use. Music may be the least disagreeable of noises, as a friend would have it but just the same it wakes the soul and lifts it high. We

are disposed to the harmony of music in the ritual; for with it nameless graces can be reached and its lessons made to sink deep into the heart.

How often have we told our lodge workers:

"You can't put parrot-stuff over with a public audience. If you don't show that you know what you are talking about, and don't feel what you say, it's hisses and 'the hook' for you. If our ordinary ritualist could but realize this truth it would do much toward making our work as impressive as it should be."

Under Manitoba we find:

When an eagerness for publicity enters, the dangers of egotism quickly follow. Masonry needs no trumpets. The world does know where it stands, and let the brethren remember that "nothing is more pleasing to God than an open hand and a close mouth."

The whole address covering several pages on "American Citizenship" delivered in North Dakota in connection with the Library is reprinted in full, as it deserves to be, and we wish space permitted us to reproduce it here.

Libraries are encouraged everywhere and under Wisconsin our colleague says:

On the question of a working library in every lodge he sagely said, "Whenever you find a brother who is a reader of Masonic literature you find an enthusiastic member of the Craft."

NEW BRUNSWICK

George D. Ellis, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Saint John, 26th August, 1926.

The Representative of Canada absent.

The Grand Master in his address expressed his very great satisfaction on the excellent Reports to be presented. He speaks enthusiastically of his predecessors "so well was their work done, and so strong was the foundation which they builded, that the Craft has prospered".

Of his visit to Albion Lodge on the occasion of its Centennial he says:

The Worshipful Master at this gathering invited me to accept for the Grand Lodge the beautiful Mosaic Pavement presented to Albion Lodge. The acceptance of this beauti-

ful specimen of the Craftsman's work gave me great pleasure and I trust that its perfectness will ever be an example and an inspiration to all who are privileged to examine it.

He agrees with this reviewer who believes that "as the moon waxes, wit wanes" for he says:

It would appear to me that the ten lodges who are now governed by the moon, might well consider changing their meetings to a fixed date. The introduction of the auto has made it much easier for the members to attend lodge from a distance.

We congratulate him upon his having been appointed by the Duke of Connaught, Representative of England near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

As to physical perfection he says:

They are of opinion that when a defect does not render the candidate incapable of learning our art, there is no reason why he should not be initiated, provided he is able to understand our signs and symbols, and to explain or exemplify them when properly called upon.

There remains the question of the use of our ritual in relation to such candidates. It might in cases be impossible to adhere to the wording of the ritual, though not necessary to depart from its meaning in spirit.

As to dispensations generally he expresses very practical views:

I have been confronted with an increasing number of requests to issue dispensations for the conferring of degrees within shorter time than the Constitution provides, on the ground that the applicant is moving away, and I recommend the Masters of all lodges to seriously consider before accepting candidates who are not reasonably sure of remaining in the jurisdiction, for a time at least after having been raised.

And here is a touch of history. Would that we had more of it!

I am reminded that the early Masonic Lodges in the Province of New Brunswick, with few exceptions, held their meetings under authority of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which claimed to be carrying on its work according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness, Prince Edwin at York, A.D. 926. Just what rights were conferred upon the Fraternity by Prince Edwin, who is said to have "loved Masons well," and just what was meant by the old constitutions, or old institutions, are matters of debate, but the One Thousandth Anniversary of the traditional date of their origin should not be allowed to pass without mention.

And thus concludes:

It behooves us as Masons to hold together and live in love and unity, to be true to our allegiance, to be charitable to others, to avoid secret societies organized for political purposes, especially those that falsely claim Masonic support, and as individuals to work for civil and religious harmony, and international friendship.

Membership 5,989. Increase 28.

The Board of General Purposes in their Report say (and we hope for the last time in New Brunswick):

The Committee from Keith Lodge strongly advocated that the rule excluding a person so maimed be, in this case, relaxed and stress was laid upon the fact that it was while serving his country at the front that the loss had been suffered. The whole subject of disability was fully discussed. The Board was informed that this case had been submitted to the M.W. Grand Master on November last and that he had then ruled, in accordance with decisions approved of by Grand Lodge, that the disability precluded the person from being received into the Craft. It was Resolved, "That the Board concurs in the ruling made by the M.W. Grand Master."

The Committee on Foreign Relations confirm our own attitude to a large extent saying:

York Grand Lodge does not as yet recognize any of the Mexican Grand Bodies as regular; though its Grand Master, in his address to Grand Lodge in April last, expressed a hope that in process of time a closer connection with them might become both possible and desirable. Where kindness and tolerance are taking the place of contention, this hope may well be indulged.

Not only in Mexico, but elsewhere throughout the Masonic world, there is a growing sense of unity; yet the understanding of the meaning of Masonry that prevails in some countries leaves much to be desired.

An interesting ceremony is thus described:

The Patent having been read, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master congratulated M.W. Bro. Ellis on the distinction conferred and R.W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland invested him with the jewel of office which had been sent with the Patent of Appointment. Grand Lodge greeted the new representative of the Mother Grand Lodge with the Grand Honours and applause and the Grand Master resumed the East.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address expresses commendable views:

That lodges would do well not to accept applicants who are not reasonably sure of remaining in their jurisdiction,

for some time at least, after being raised, is a new suggestion; but it calls for due attention. In admitting a candidate the welfare of the lodge is to be considered, rather than the welfare of the candidate who is not then a Mason. To admit members who will not be well grounded in the tenets of the Order cannot be to the benefit of the Craft.

A special Communication was held October 24th, 1926, to attend Divine Service at Christ Church Cathedral, of which V.W. Bro. The Dean permitted the use.

The new Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Vroom, M.A., presided and an address was presented to him, from which we take the following most interesting paragraphs:

There is nothing in our present organization which we can definitely trace to the charter said to have been granted by King Athelstan in 926, or to the good offices of Prince Edwin, who was the King's half-brother; but the date unquestionably marks an important event in the history of Operative Masonry. The period which has elapsed since that date we may roughly divide into two—five hundred years of the growth of Operative Masonry, in the glorious days of the cathedral builders, and five hundred years of colonial expansion and the development and spread of Speculative Masonry, in the age now drawing to a close.

It is a marvellous tale, full of tantalizing uncertainties, as everyone knows who has tried to read it; but thus looking back upon a thousand years of English Masonry, we may well thank God and take courage.

A sermon was preached by Grand Chaplain Lawrence on the suggestive text "Understandest thou what thou readeest?" Space will only permit the quotation of a few paragraphs:

"The sun's look and the sea's voice and the earth's wonderful breath" all bear the impress of the Divine Artist.

We shall never exhaust the treasures of the Book of Nature. Our little day ends before we have fairly begun the task. The multiplicity of interests that have arisen from the division of labour distracts our attention. My brothers, I implore you, turn aside now and then from your bank books, your catalogues, and your ledgers, and make for yourselves opportunity to "contemplate the glorious works of the Creation and to adore your great Creator."

On a certain occasion an officer of a royal household was returning from a pilgrimage to the Temple. "Sitting in his chariot he read Esaias the Prophet." There approached him one who courteously enquired, "Understandest

thou what thou readeſt?" His reply was that which comes to your lips as you attempt theſe great text books in Freemasonry, "How can I, except ſome one ſhould guide me?"

The Guide, my brothers, is never lacking. Along a path unknown, led by a Hand unſeen, mankind proceeds on its way toward perfection. For the Architect is Himſelf the Builder; the Author is Himſelf the Interpreter; God is Himſelf our Guide.

R.W. Bro. Honourable John B. M. Baxter, Prime Miniſter, repreſents Canada, and J. A. C. Anderson of Toronto, repreſents New Brunswick with us.

There is no Correſpondence Report.

J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary, Saint John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bela Kingman, M.W. Grand Maſter.

A ſemi-annual Communication was held in Manchester, December 29th, 1925, for the purpoſe of exemplifying and conferring the three degrees by ſelected lodges.

Four lodges of Inſtruction were alſo held during the year and are encouraging.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ſeventh Annual Communication was held in Concord, May 19th, 1926. Nine Paſt Grand Maſters were preſent and among the officers we note twice the name of Olin H. Chase, with whoſe genial perſonality we came in contact in Montreal recently.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer roll call.

From the Grand Maſter's addreſs we might take many paragraphs. The following muſt ſuffice:—

May He continue to cauſe our endeavors to proſper, and aſſiſt us in our efforts to diſſeminate the truths and ideals we ſtand for, as well as to exemplify them in our lives, ever mindful that by act, word, and deed, not by mere button and regalia, do we prove to the world we are Freemasons.

Brethren, Nature, in her juſt demands, has required of our number its certain toll, to give account of the deeds done in the body. The fellowſhip of years breaks.

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,

Life's victory won,
Then cometh rest.

He announced the appointment of H. C. Edgerton to represent Canada.

At Christmas he responded to a toast to himself by the Commanderies as follows:

We, as members of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known, are engaged in the business of building character, and the only justification of our existence, as Masons, is that we as individual members reflect that character in our lives. What is character but the reflection of God? Let us carry out our teachings in deeds and service of human brotherhood. Be a brother to others and they will be brothers to you, then all mankind will rejoice because of our existence.

As to Bibles he says:

Your Grand Master would urge the subordinate lodges throughout the state to use an individual Bible for presentation purposes for each initiate, suitably inscribed as and for his own.

He gives a deserved tribute to Bro. Blackwood in connection with the Masonic Bulletin, an excellent Craft paper.

Of the Masonic Home he says and concludes:

The hospital ward is completely equipped, and today the Home stands out as a monument to the Masonic charity of our state and should be the joy and pride of every Mason. I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity of visiting this wonderful Home of yours and learn for yourselves its beauties and usefulness.

"What constitutes a State?

Not high raised battlement or labored mound,

Thick wall or moated gate—

Not cities, proud with spires and turrets crowned.

"No: Men, high minded men,

Men who their duties know,

But know their rights, and knowing,
dare maintain.

These constitute a State."

The D.D.G.M's of eight Masonic Districts reported.

The Committee are not yet able to recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Vienna.

Membership 15, 275. Increase 169.

M.W. Bro. Kingman was re-elected and installed.

John A. Cowan, one of our best known and most energetic Masons represents New Hampshire with us.

We always look expectantly for and are always satisfied with the Report on Foreign Correspondence by Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M. Grand Secretary, who in his introduction says:

That word twentieth is suggestive, primarily that I am now an old one. Yes, there are a choice few who are older in the work, but the bulk of the writers of these reports are behind me in their years of service. Even that occasions no feelings. It only means that not far ahead, somebody else will be doing this work for my much beloved brethren.

But, I have had a wonderful time doing it. A lot of corners have been smoothed.

I ask you to read what follows. It is written for you. When you have read it you have exercised a Masonic privilege.

Note the breeziness of his reviews, characteristic of the man.

Under Alberta we find:

Again is the old chain-prayer a nuisance with them. To us this thing has ever been a strange outcropping of the human brain.

New lodges were started by the wholesale, nine of them receiving the desired document from the Grand Master. This testifies in a striking way to the growth of population in Alberta.

Our own report of that year is called "breezy". We prefer that, very much, rather than be looked upon as a whirlwind.

Under Arizona this. He speaks of the "generous geography" of Arizona and other States:

Quite properly he refused to make a ruling for the convenience of the Eastern Star. That, he said, should be done by their own officials.

Arkansas gives him another opportunity:

We find its first statement to be that another year-book has been written. This is a decided improvement upon the conventional "wheels of time".

It was a virile, plain-spoken American who wrote that page. Even the eighteenth amendment, now a famous thing, is defended.

Under British Columbia we find:

The Grand Master told his lodges that the only safe and sane source of income, to meet lodge expense, was from annual dues. When a lodge grasps this truism, then it begins to live rightly.

An expulsion of a brother was made, but his name is not given in the proceedings. Somehow, when one does that which compels us, as a matter of justice, to kick him out of our companionship, we feel that his name should be made known, in proper ways, as a part of the punishment meted out to him, as a warning to others.

California of course is fertile ground for our colleague:

This address is crowded with weighty things, some of which required much of courage to utter. It was the voice of real leadership.

It is discussion that leads us from darkness to daylight. It is discussion that brings decision.

Canada responds to and reciprocates his good will. He says:

We know how this Grand Master feels about the Ku Klux Klan. We found this out because he expressed himself in the address.

It requires over 200 pages to print the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. You see they made great use of these officials in Ontario.

Of our review he kindly says and gently banters and rallies with his genial good will:

The heart of his foreword is that all of us need both outlook and insight. That is delightfully stated. Its extended development would involve all of human life.

Of course the document is too ponderous for us to say anything about it, save in a very general way. It is one of the very best we have ever encountered, filled to the brim with things that attract and provoke meditation.

We are embarrassed by the great attention he gives to our own report on Correspondence. When one ends what he has to say about it he would probably think that Cheney really wrote something. It is certainly a rich compliment that we find here.

He refers to us as one having individuality in countenance and reviews. That is a veiled allusion, of course, but he has looked upon us in the flesh and has the inalienable right of private judgment. We do not plead guilty, but *nolo*.

Gleanings from our literary curiosity are made with unusual accuracy and with something of success, so far as establishing his assertion concerning our face and pen.

Some of it looks rather good to us, after the lapse of a couple of years, and for none of it are we inclined to apologize.

Connecticut and Kies strike fire:

Just to get Masonic stimulation, he breaks out, now and then, to our refreshment. It all means that the more we have had of Kies, the richer we feel.

We are glad to find a full report of England, from which the following extracts will be interesting:

While His Majesty the King is not a member of the Craft his family is very strongly connected with it.

The use of intoxicating liquors on premises directly associated with a lodge, in connection with the ceremony of installation, forbidden some time, was at this session again condemned and prohibited.

They found a way to get at one who was abusing the privileges of the ballot box. He was excluded from the fraternity, for his acts and his fool-like threats.

Georgia's correspondent soothes this dynamo, who says:

Of course we have had a delightful day as we have stayed with him. All the while we have kept perfectly still, letting him run on as does the brook. It has brought serenity and provoked thought. Few there be who can do this.

Iowa as usual, is pregnant with ideas:

Nothing greater comes to us annually than the Correspondence of Iowa written by Louis Block, one of the very choicest Masonic souls, with whose personal acquaintance there has come to us an inspiration, the end of which may never be known.

Most of us are superficial. Most of us are intensely so in our Freemasonry. It is a wonderfully difficult word to define. We, for one, have been trying to do so for years, merely to satisfy ourself. But as yet the definition which shall be final with us has not been found. The one that so far best satisfies us, of our own conception, is this: "Freemasonry is a brotherhood of men, teaching God in Fraternity".

He approves Manitoba and writes:

With him we roarously agree that a good lodge secretary is "a gem of purest ray serene".

And the same under Maryland:

A good secretary is a jewel that ought to be classified with the immovable variety.

As this reviewer is the proud possessor of the Henry Price Medal, we would like to reproduce this from his review of Massachusetts:

Their highest decoration, the Henry Price Medal, was given to thirty-four recipients. The medals are worn by permanent members of the Grand Lodge. They may be presented to such of their lodge members as may have been Master Masons fifty years, and to others who may be deemed by the Grand Master, by his distinguished service, worthy of being honored in this way. Of course they are a greatly coveted possession.

The following characteristic comments will be found under Tennessee:

We do not expect to reach a complete agreement in all things, but we increase our weight with discussion and affirmation.

To be sure he calls Cheney an "old stand-by"—he is the first of record in that—but that is a great compliment. We love a stayer—one who does not have to be hitched.

Under York Mexico he says and thus concludes:

He went across the Atlantic during his year. The things he found in Germany and in France, pretending to be Masonic, seem to have provoked his exasperation. This we well understand. They are blind in those two countries to the very spirit of Freemasonry, fostering a crude substitute therefor.

The Society of Veteran Freemasons still flourishes.

NEW JERSEY

M.W. Bro. Ralph E. Lum, Grand Master.

Fourteen emergent meetings in all were held by Grand Lodge. Among them this reviewer notes with pleasure the laying of the corner-stone of the new Presbyterian Church in Belleville, N.J., in the presence of a large concourse.

The Annual Communication met in Trenton (another Bay of Quinte name) on April 21, 1926. R.W. Bro. Isaac Cherry (another Belleville name) being Grand Secretary.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters reported for their loyal labour of love.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed.

Grand Lodge was opened with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald, Grand Chaplain, and by the singing of the opening ode:

(Italian Hymn)

Praise ye Jehovah's name;
Praise through His Courts proclaim;
Rise and adore.
High o'er the heavens above,
Sound His great acts of love,
While His rich grace we prove,
Vast as His power.

Through part of the transactions very pleasing musical selections were given by the Crescent Temple Chanters.

The Grand Master evidently loves astronomy or astrology for he began his address with this informative sentence:

Brethren, Again we have met according to agreement, this time on the first day of the month Zif. March, when the sun was in the sign of Aries or the Lamb, being the first month of the ancient holy year, April is of necessity the second—the zodiacal month begins on the twenty-first.

Other excerpts of interest follow:

The power of initiating legislation through appropriate resolution is, of course, always inherent in the Grand Lodge as such.

The conventional attitude of the world at large in facing so-called death should never be indulged in by those to whom the lessons of Masonry convey a real meaning. The body does perish and mingle with the dust. Its dissolution and disintegration is as orderly, logical and lawful a process as its up-building and its growth. But that which makes man, man survives, that event and life which informs, invests and is not of the temporal, endures from everlasting to everlasting.

Those we have lost here have gained a greater freedom. Unless life here and hereafter has a common development and purpose, the favor of an earthly existence would seem something between tragedy and grim humor.

His list of visitations covers four pages and of them he says:

Perhaps none but your Past Grand Masters can fully appreciate the sustaining force and the restoring power gathered from the loyal, devoted and sincere response met by whomsoever you may select as your Grand Master.

As to visitations in other Jurisdictions he shares the opinion of all other Grand Masters:

His report confirms my view that these visitations serve a very fine purpose. An understanding is the best possible method of avoiding misunderstanding, and the closer personal touch of the adjoining and neighboring Grand Jurisdictions is attested by the beautiful state of harmony and cordial brotherhood that now exists.

Fraternal Relations are severed with the Grand Orient of Haiti who are interfering in some twenty year Treaty that existed between Haiti and the United States.

Of Foreign Relations generally he says:

Peace and harmony are, indeed, the particular strength and support of our great Institution. We have at times been more proficient in our teaching than in our practicing of this transcendent truth. Questions of jurisdiction and Grand Lodge sovereignty rest with each Grand Lodge for itself alone and must so remain, but the genius of Masonry is its universality and the fundamental principle of brotherhood is all-inclusive.

Some men have lodge consciousness, some have a State-wide consciousness, but, praise be! in this day and age an increasing number of men are instancing the all-pervading, all-inclusive Masonic consciousness.

The United States Jurisdictions are nothing if not practical and the Employment Bureau of New Jersey is doing good work as the following accounts tell:

The realization of the real practical Masonic endeavor to "Help a brother help himself" has but begun. Co-operation is peculiarly the watchword in this endeavor. Many Masons need helpers, workers, clerks and employees of all kinds and types, while scores of our brethren are in need of employment and opportunity to work. To effect a meeting of this demand and supply is a fine, practical task of great importance. Our committee is functioning finely, but the sense of responsibility of all the Craft is required to give full results.

Of the Masonic Home the Grand Master says:

Our Masonic Home, the one visible evidence of our united active charity, is the honest pride of every brother whose Masonic interest has taken him to Burlington.

Wonders have been accomplished by the conscientious, painstaking, energetic and highly competent Board of Governors elected by you.

The management of the Home has been of the very finest.

Many of our guests find the sorrow of the forced realization of defeat in the battle of the world, lightened and relieved by the great comfort of the clean, attractive, finely-fitted Home surroundings.

Of visible physical defects he thus speaks:

Every doubt should be resolved in favor of the Craft. Each case must be dealt with separately. If the Worshipful Master is then in real doubt, the matter must of course, under our present regulations, be referred to the Grand Master.

The passing of an applicant by the Grand Master is merely a permissive act, and the right to make members remains with the subordinate lodges.

New Jersey is enthusiastic in support of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Your Grand Lodge has continued to share and enjoy the great privileges, advantages and responsibilities of this united effort of a practical Brotherhood.

The educational program will be covered. I desire, however, at this time to pay tribute to the faithful, devoted, loyal and excellent effort of Rev. A. Boylan FitzGerald, Grand Chaplain, who has carried the torch.

Of the Library he says:

A Grand Lodge without a library is quite as practical and sensible as a workman without tools.

From his conclusion we take the following selections:

In our multitude of effort, do we forget our aim? In the entertainment of the journey do we miss the goal? In the form of the ritual do we choke the life of the spirit? Do we stop to ask, "Why build these cities glorious, if man unbuilt goes?"

Perhaps it is only the few intelligent, courageous, intrepid, energetic, searching yearners for the inner secret, for the germ of life hidden beneath the outer husk, who catch the glimpse of the Promised Land. There are enough of them, however, practical, consistent, useful pilgrims, to be a source of encouragement.

A house may not be well built, however, unless placed on a firm foundation, and no second story may be superimposed until the ground floor is well laid. So, no true Master Mason is ever raised until the initiation and passing are realized and attained.

Initiation may then become a fact, not a mere gesture or stunt performed.

Additional treasures of science and knowledge may in the second degree be gathered by one who has learned that humility is the beginning of wisdom and that though knowledge may be gathered through the head, wisdom must come from the heart.

As the first degree prepares the body, and the second the mind, so the third presently brings that which human wisdom alone will not suffice to teach—for the human may not teach and inform the divine. And this great degree of Masonry

shows man that he has a body, yet is not a body; has a mind, yet is not a mind; that the body is a temple, the mind an instrument, yet that they are creations; while He in his divine right is a Creator and survives.

Ignorance, bigotry, sectionalism, race hatred, selfishness, greed, indifference, inertia and cruelty are ruffians as ready as ever to slay the Master workman.

"From the murmur and subtlety of suspicion with which we vest one another

Give us rest;

Make a new beginning

And mingle again the kindred of the nations in the alchemy of love;

And with some finer essence of forbearance

Temper our minds."

Many distinguished visitors delivered addresses, among them M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, P.G.M., of Massachusetts, who said:

We have a good deal of reference in our ritual, but it has never been made of great practical value or effect, but I believe that within the last ten years there has been a great advance in the practical universality of Freemasonry—at least there has been an advance in the desire on the part of the great jurisdictions of the world to make the universality of Freemasonry a real living thing.

The national characteristics come out very strongly when a man is thousands and thousands of miles away from what he calls home, and, therefore, when I say the Master was an Englishman, I mean exactly that thing. In the West sat a Chinese Senior Warden in the South a Scotch Junior Warden. A Norwegian Treasurer, an American Secretary. The Marshal was a Hollander, and I cannot remember the subordinate officers, but there was the same sprinkling of racial stock throughout all of the officers and members of that lodge. Truly an International Lodge.

Membership 86,230, with a splendid net gain of 3,403.

The necrology ode was sung In Memoriam:

Here another guest we bring;

Seraphs of celestial wing,

To our funeral altar come;

Waft our friend and Brother home.

Lord of all below, above,

Fill our souls with truth and love;

As dissolves our earthly tie,

Take us to Thy Lodge on high.

A fine etching of the Boys' new Dormitory of the Burlington Masonic Home adorns the Proceedings.

Bro. Moore, Governor of New Jersey, addressed Grand Lodge in a delightfully humorous way, telling many stories and at the end touching a very vital matter in these days of upheaval:

I am glad to hear our Grand Master say, as Chief Executive you stood behind me. I need that just now. We have a condition in this State where your Chief Executive is being criticised and where he is being harassed. Why? Because he will not permit the laws of New Jersey to be smashed by communists. I need your help. I need your help when men are willing to sell their voices, their souls, their brains to break down the due and orderly process of law in our State, and seem to forget—and even some newspapers, who should know better—seem to forget that we here in New Jersey, as a result of this condition, would have the third internationale in the United States. They would imbue the minds of our children with the precepts of communism and anarchy. I am glad I can go from this place to-day, thankful to know that you and I are standing for the laws of this great little State of New Jersey. Thank God, we got along even before the Constitution was signed and we can get along without these Communists and Bolsheviks, who come in and tell us what we should do.

William H. Day, of Guilfph, represents New Jersey near Canada.

Canada's Grand Representative, M.W. Bro. Ernest A. Reed is proudly responsible for the Foreign Correspondence.

Under a friendly review of Canada he says:

R.W. Brother John A. Rowland acted as Grand Master and presided over a highly interesting session. Bro. Adam Brown, a distinguished citizen of Hamilton, was almost one hundred years old. Our Canadian brethren are delightfully apt at felicitation, and these brief addresses furnish a notable display of fraternal spirit.

A director of Benevolent Grants was appointed at this session. The director's entire time is to be devoted to this work.

The visits of the Grand Master were many. At Sault Ste. Marie he instituted a lodge made up exclusively of overseas men—veterans of the Great War—and named to commemorate a gallant captain who made the supreme sacrifice.

Of the District Deputy Grand Masters. These are most interesting and constitute a complete survey of the province—Masonically.

The Report on the Condition of Masonry which space will not permit reprinting, but which should be the property of every lodge officer.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Ponton. Sixty-six jurisdictions are reviewed completely. The review is appreciative and entirely satisfying.

Holland is reviewed by R.W. Bro. W. Van Eerde who writes:

He impressed upon his audience the duty of loyalty and service to their fatherland and the desirability of harmony among the Craft, in accordance with the old Dutch motto: "Eendracht maakt macht." "In union there is strength."

He expressed his regrets at the withdrawal of the Grand Lodge of New York from the Geneva conference, deploring this move, as it increased the difficulties of their task, owing to the greater predominance of the Latin element. While appreciating that a long and rough road lies before, he expressed the hope that the day would finally dawn that the Masonic powers of the world would find the true path to fraternal understanding.

NEW MEXICO

M.W. Bro. Jaffa Miller, Grand Master.

The Forty-eighth Annual Communication was held in Roswell, February 15, 1926.

Grand Master Bryan of Texas was extended a hearty welcome and afterwards addressed Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master declared that his address would be practical but began with a touch of sentiment:

But though the slow steps may be a little slower, and the gray heads a little grayer, the fires of fraternal friendship burn all the brighter as time passes on and the pleasure of brotherhood here realized, which have come to fill so large a place in our hearts and lives, bring us keener satisfaction from year to year as we meet in Annual Communication, and prove no small incentive to efficient service during the months which intervene.

The labors of your Grand Master have thus been made less burdensome. Better than that, they have been made an aggregation of pleasures.

Among his decisions are the two following:

A Brother is entitled to Masonic burial until he is suspended from the lodge.

A lodge in this jurisdiction may confer any of the degrees upon any person by request of another lodge within this jurisdiction without referring the request to either the Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

The Wayfarers' Club, the Sojourners' Club and the Trowel Club are all doing great work in this exceptional Jurisdiction.

Of the Masonic Service Association and its campaign against Tuberculosis he has nothing but praise, saying:

The Association, as expressed in its name and constitution, stands for Masonic service, operating mainly along two lines—Education and Relief. Much has been done by way of preparing and publishing educational material.

The Sanatorium and the Masonic Home and School are subjects of many full pages of philanthropic comment and aspiration.

He thus concludes his address:

Whatever I have done or left undone, I have the inner consciousness of having performed my duty as I saw it, and in so doing I have, I believe, been enabled to keep Masonry—Masonry.

Eight Past Grand Masters supported him in the East.

Membership 6,555. Net gain 134.

The report of the Executive Commission of the Masonic Service Association contains these striking words, especially applicable as we know that several Ontario Brethren have been there also:

Before submitting a summary of data and information that has been accumulated, your Commission desires to emphasize the point that at all times it has been guided by facts rather than sentiment. It is so easy, in cases of suffering and affliction, for any Mason to be carried away by his human tendency to let emotion influence judgment.

Sixteen per cent. of these sick made application for assistance within a week after arrival and one-third within one month. Fifty per cent. asked for help within three months and ninety per cent. within less than one year after coming to these cities.

The address of the Grand Master of Texas was breezy, bright and full of good matter. We therefore make several quotations so that what animated his hearers may animate us:

I must confess to you this afternoon, that I served two terms in the Legislature of the State of Texas, and we have an unwritten law down there that whenever a man serves

in the Legislature he gets an unwritten diploma recommending to the citizenship at large that he is capable of talking upon any subject at any time and at any place, and therefore, a man who has served in the Legislature of Texas is supposed to make a speech wherever he goes, whether he says anything or not.

But now, my Brethren, I hope you will not consider me like the old darkie's wife down in Texas. The old man went to the district judge and told him he wanted a divorce, and the judge inquired what grounds he had for a divorce. "Well," he said, "Jedge, dat woman she just talks, and she talks, and she talks, and she talks, and Jedge, I cain't git no rest; I cain't git no sleep; dat woman just talks and talks and talks and talks all de time."

"Well," the judge inquired, "what does she say?" He replied, "I don't know, Jedge; she ain't never said yet."

And now in order that you may know—not that I would appear to brag upon what we have done or anything of that kind—I will just give you an outline of what we are trying to do in the State of Texas in the line of charitable work.

As stated to you last night, we have a Widows' and Orphans' Home wherein about three hundred and forty children are taken care of by the Grand Lodge, and about fifty widows.

We have another Home for Aged Masons of Texas, supported by the Grand Chapter of the State.

The Home at Fort Worth, for the women and children, has buildings and grounds reasonably worth a million dollars.

The Home for Aged Masons at Arlington has grounds and buildings reasonably worth half a million dollars.

Then again, the Scottish Rite Bodies at Dallas, and the Shrine—local Bodies not connected with the national institution—support a home or Hospital for Crippled Children, which is open to children of any color, race or creed, —it does not make any difference whether Masons or not.

The Scottish Rite Bodies of that State have also built a dormitory, at a cost of something like a million dollars, at Austin, Texas, where the daughters of Master Masons are taken care of while attending the State University. I have had the pleasure of visiting that institution, and the environment thrown around those young ladies, and the care which is taken of them, would make the heart of any Mason glad; and if a Mason's daughter can get into that institution the father and mother need have no fear about the welfare of that daughter while attending the University of Texas.

The great western part and southwestern part of Texas, like the great State of New Mexico, is flooded with tuber-

culars from other portions of the country, and they must be looked after and must be cared for, and if Masonry throughout the world does not come to your relief and look after its tubercular members and take care of them, then it is falling far short of its duty and of its privilege.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by John Milne, a name familiar in Ontario.

From Arizona we gather this touch of human nature:

The author wondered if it was not more of a problem of the proper behavior on the part of the parents rather than the proper behavior on the part of the children. We have often wondered the same thing. Surely the children can not be blamed for the poor home conditions which surround them. In many cases there is no restraint upon the children because the parents are too busy with other things.

Under Canada he says:

Grand Master Drope comes out flat-footed for the enforcement of law.

He also steps on the K. K. K.

William N. Ponton, Correspondent, gives six pages of his splendid report to New Mexico.

His reviews are models of concentration.

Georgia gives him this thought:

In an excellent address Past Grand Master N. H. Bullard says of "suspicion"—"the foulest of serpents, striking at a character that may have been a lifetime in the building". The whole world should have been able to listen in on that address.

Has not the experience of Massachusetts thus spoken of, been sometimes our experience, though it is exceptional:

He also registers his disapproval of the selection of a speaker without knowing something of the line of thought he will follow.

The conclusion of the reviewer is interesting and justifies our taking the following paragraphs from it:

There are now more than 3,000,000 Master Masons in the United States of America. One cannot help but visualize the wonderful things that this body of men could accomplish if they were guided by the high ideals of Masonry and would accept leadership. Most certainly "law and order" would again reign in our country, if this group willed it so. Perhaps the Bootleggers Association would object on the ground that the Masons are not supposed to dabble in politics.

Some readers may still remember how we got across to help the boys "Over There" when they needed us pretty badly, only we didn't quite make it because—well, we never did find out exactly, why, but it might have been because we were not functioning properly.

The Masonic Service Association had some thought of getting Masonic effort properly and effectively directed. It, no doubt, made some mistakes (only the dead do not).

The writer does not contend that we need a Central Governing Body, but we do need to function as a national unit.

I think I am safe in saying that the past year has seen more foreign Grand Jurisdictions recognized by Grand Lodges of the United States than any previous year. We must be thinking in international terms.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1925

M.W. Brother John Goulston, Grand Master.

Membership 59,071. Increase 3,802.

The Masonic Benevolent and School Funds amount to the grand total of over £176,000.

At the Special Communication held July 23, 1924, in the Town Hall Sydney, 4,000 Masons were present and Grand Lodge was opened by M.W. Bro. Thompson.

Each announcement of the reception of visitors was preceded by a fanfare of trumpets.

The new Grand Master was then installed, the choir and soloists singing "Lend me your Aid", "Lord, our Grand Master Bless", "Comrades in Arms," "Watchman, what of the Night?".

Installing Grand Master Thompson said:

And I feel assured that one who has learned so well the lesson of good and faithful service to the Craft must of necessity know how to discharge with success the duties of its Ruler.

And now, stepping down from the summit, I can only pursue my course along that pathway sloping to the West that all alike must sooner or later tread with rapid feet. But I do not go empty-handed; I take with me a treasure-chest filled to overflowing with precious jewels of which no one can rob me, and I trust I may long be spared to linger sometimes by the roadside, and lovingly count those gems—my pearls of memory.

Grand Master Goulston added these words:

Masonry does much to encourage comradeship. This is especially important to-day when there is so much unrest in our midst. All classes of the community meet in social intercourse in a Masonic Lodge—men belonging to all professions and trades—employers and employees.

Retiring Grand Master Thompson was recognized in a four fold way by (1) a beautiful jewel, (2) a handsome wrist watch, (3) a diamond ring for Mrs. Thompson and (4) a wallet filled with very large notes. Nothing like our southern Brethren for generosity and philanthropy.

Canada was ably represented by David Cunningham, Grand Secretary, on whom the honorary rank of Past Grand Warden was conferred.

A proposer having filled out an application for membership himself, including the signatures, he was admonished and reprimanded.

Confidential information concerning a candidate having been divulged, the Master of the Lodge was admonished.

Lord Jellicoe, P.G.M., of New Zealand, in passing through N.S.W. was warmly welcomed.

We read in the District Reports submitted at the Quarterly Communication held March 11th, 1925, that at Lodge John Ruskin it is customary each year to have lectures on some of Ruskin's Works and a scholarly address was given on his "Thoughts on Education".

A Masonic Service was held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Empire Day, May 24th, many hundreds of Brethren being unable to gain admittance.

The Trustees of the William Thompson Masonic Schools report 144 children in residence, 96 boys and 48 girls.

New South Wales is represented by Bro. Lyman Lee.

The Foreign Correspondence by a Committee composed of C.A. Elliott, William Epps, H. J. Ford and J. A. Henderson is unique and outstanding. It is topical as well as systematic and contains the most substantive matter that we find in any of the Jurisdictions except perhaps Michigan and North Carolina.

In the introduction they say "the difficulty is not to find information but to assimilate it."

Canada is referred to as "Toronto" the centre, and three pages are devoted to our Proceedings.

The chapter devoted to comments on "As Others See us" is particularly bright. Sinister influences are treated of in full with a special reference to the Klan and to lawlessness.

Masonic Homes are well covered, and the chapter on Masonic poetry gives us an anthology gathered from all over the world which is invaluable to those who love rhythm and sentiment.

Under Relief and Benevolence the Committee say that they admire the boldness of Quebec's Grand Master in daring to tackle the disproportion of the average expenditures on suppers and charities.

Masonic Education of course receives a very large share of attention and we get the last and best word upon it.

Then follow the details of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution for the **permanent relief** of aged, distressed and infirm Freemasons, their wives and widows.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1926

M.W. Brother John Goulston, Grand Master.

David Cunningham, Grand Secretary and Grand Representative of Canada.

Membership 62,020. Increase 2,949.

At the meeting held 8th July, 1925, the entry of the Grand Master who had been re-elected was preceded by the trumpets of the Heralds in the East, the West and the South, where he was duly proclaimed.

He spoke in his address of his visitations, specially among the country Brethren. He advocated the establishment of a museum for Craft relics, jewels, documents, etc., in connection with the library.

Bro. Riley presented a life sized painting of the G. M. in oils.

At the Communication held September 9th, 1925, the Grand Master reported upon the gift of valuable and

appropriate articles to the new London Memorial Temple of Peace, which were gratefully accepted.

The visit of the American Fleet had been made the occasion of a Masonic reception tendered to some 700 Brethren of various ranks within the Fleet and after the sailing of the men-of-war fraternal radio greetings were exchanged between the G.M. and the U.S.S. "California". These international episodes so frequent in the southern Seas serve to mix the mortar and cement the friendship of the big families known as Nations.

In view of the opening of the new Capital by the Duke and Duchess of York, this year the following in the report of P.G.M. William Thompson will be interesting:

On the 4th I attended Lodge Canberra, when three brethren were raised and the working was particularly good. This lodge is contemplating the erection of a Temple worthy of the future Capital, and I spent a morning in inspecting the various sites available. There will very shortly be a huge influx of population to the City and fitting provision to meet the Masonic requirements is pressing.

An illuminated address was presented to His Excellency the Governor-General and cabled greetings were sent to His Excellency Sir Charles Fergusson of New Zealand on his installation.

The G.M. rightly disapproves of Craft advertisements in the public Press and also to business circulars which had been sent to Secretaries of Lodges, one of them offering these officials 50% commission on any business transacted within the Lodge. We have heard of commercializing the Craft and the Church but this easily takes the van.

The reports of the District Deputies of 52 Districts form a large and important part of the Proceedings.

At the Quarterly Communication held 10th March, 1926, reference is made to the aid offered to the sufferers by the bush fires in Victoria.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held at the Town Hall Sydney on Anzac Day, 25th April in memory of those heroic Brethren who made the supreme sacrifice for us in Canada as for their Australian fellow citizens in that gallant exploit.

The Grand Master attended at Melbourne on the installation of Bro. Bice as Grand Master. He reported also that the Governor-General Lord Stonehaven had with him and other distinguished Brethren visited the Masonic Schools at Baulkham Hills and all were immensely pleased with the good work being done.

Lyman Lee represents New South Wales with us.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again in the hands of the able Committee referred to in 1925 Review and is fully up to that standard of merit. We cannot resist copying a few paragraphs from that part of the "subjective" report referring to "condition of the Order":

The first and general observation to be made upon the present condition of the Craft is that it appears to be one of universal prosperity with the notable exception of Italy. In that country disloyalists appear to band together under the name of Freemasonry for the consideration and perfection of their schemes against good order and constitutional government; and the Cabinet, under its powerful leader, Mussolini, has convinced Parliament that the suppression of Freemasonry is necessary.

And, in keeping with satisfactory numerical position, the ethical position is likewise satisfactory, for the addresses by the many Grand Masters show keen appreciation of the fundamentals of the Craft, and sincere and constant admonition for their application to the daily life of the individual member, and appeals for still higher standards of Masonic thought and selection of candidates.

If the sun never sets on the British flag, then necessarily it never sets on British Freemasonry. For we can go to the uttermost parts of civilization, and there find a fellow-Mason, speaking the English language, to greet us. In the report of the Grand Lodge of England, we find clustering together such widely divided places as the Barbados and Burma, Durham and North China, Virgin Islands (where are they?) and the Punjab. So we do in the reports from Scotland and Ireland. What did Brother "Mark Twain" say?: "The English are mentioned in the Bible; blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

We regret however to notice apparently the Proceedings of Canada had not been received.

Under the heading "Masonry of the Human Body" we read:

It is traditional in Freemasonry that a candidate for its mysteries should be of sound body and mind, in other words, "a proper youth". How this qualification originated history

does not clearly relate, but it is held by many authorities on the antiquities and traditions of the Order, that it is a relic of the period when Masonry was operative not speculative.

The anthology of Masonic poetry will be a source of great delight to hundreds of poetic and even perhaps prosaic Craftsmen.

NEW YORK

M.W. William A. Rowan, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication was opened in the Masonic Hall, City of New York, May 4th, 1926.

It is noteworthy that the New York Grand Lodges motto is that of Grand Chapter "Holiness to the Lord".

Nine Past Grand Masters graced the Grand East.

Canada was represented with his usual fidelity by M.W. Bro. Thomas Penney.

The opening prayer by S. Parkes Cadman, Grand Chaplain (well known throughout America) was a wonderful invocation and as it is different from the ordinary address, we reproduce the following paragraphs of the prayer:

Bless those who remain and who know that life here is no soothsaying, no mere day dream; men foresworn to chastity, to prudence, to godliness, and in behavior and ordered conversation. In our struggle between flesh and spirit, be Thou our great aid, that these insignia upon our banners may mean something more than tradition, be living and vital truths for our personal sustentation and for our enforcement as a brotherhood.

Be with all dear brethren who have passed into the mellowing stage of life. May they have a long and peaceful eventide, which the night of death shall linger to disturb.

So when the day of final judgment shall come and that mightier Grand Lodge is assembled and the seraphim proclaim it in the East, in the West, and in the North and in the South, that every brother who meets here to-day and all those for whom we pray and whose minds are enlisted with us and their dear ones with Thee, find the Lodge itself open and accessible to every loyal true spirit who shall then hear Thy well-deserved legend, "Come, ye blessed brethren

of this Order, inherit the Masonic fraternity of love and justice prepared for you before the foundation of the world."

Dispensations were issued for twenty-six new lodges and also to one at Damascus and one at Beirut.

The Grand Master spoke of the annual visit to the Masonic Home at Utica and the delightful musical programme rendered by the children of the Home and adds:

Those of you who were present will recall the feelings of emotion that welled up as you listened, and no doubt there came to you the realization that but for the Craft their situation might be different, and that you had a part in helping them to be what they are.

There are 510 individuals in the Home and Hospital, and 155 being cared for elsewhere, making a total of 665.

He lauds the good work of M.W. Arthur S. Tompkins and R.W. Bro. Richardson in having guided the publication of the "Masonic Outlook."

821 lodges now present the Bible to the candidate.

M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder in his report on Social and Educational Service is quoted by the Grand Master as saying:

The attacks of organized radicalism on American institutions are a direct challenge to Freemasonry itself.

It asks of its members only that they discharge their duty to society with good conscience and goodwill.

The G.M. says:

In the past twenty-five years we have increased our membership from 106,235 to 320,985; we have increased our Districts from 41 to 58.

It is one thing to propose what should be done, but quite another to accomplish it. When an activity is once started, it will not run of its own momentum; it takes a constant driving force to keep it in motion. Many competent, earnest, thoughtful, and sincere men with experience are lost to the strength of the Craft because they have no contact with Grand Lodge.

Under Clubs his words ring true:

A Fellowcraft Club is of the nature of a wheel within a wheel, although in a few cases it is a question as to whether or not the Fellowcraft Club has become the wheel. In one case recently brought to my attention, all of the active

members belong to the Fellowcraft Club; in another, nearly all of the members of the lodge belonged. This cannot but eventuate in harm to the lodge. There were several cases this past year where Fellowcraft Clubs did, in the name of the lodge, that which the lodge could not do. It is not fair to condemn all for the faults of a few, but I see no reason why there should be any activities of a lodge that is not under the supervision of an officer of the lodge. Some of these Clubs, I believe, are formed by the younger members in order to have more freedom, forgetting that the Club in no way gives them any more privileges than the lodge, unless they abuse those privileges, and abuse must eventually lead to their elimination; certainly so when membership in them becomes inconsistent with membership in a Masonic Lodge.

Keeping this in mind, and also the further fact that, no matter what organization a member of the Craft may become a member of, local, State or National such membership in no way reduces or modifies his obligation as a Mason.

Of Boy Scouts and De Molay he says, quoting the Judge Advocate:

I am of opinion therefore that a chartered lodge, as such, has no right or power to engage in any enterprise for any purpose, however laudable, not connected with the purposes of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge exercises no jurisdiction over the enterprises of the members of a lodge in their secular capacity, so far as they do not reflect upon, or are not inconsistent with, the principles and purposes of the Grand Lodge.

He concludes by emphasizing the Landmarks, saying:

Action in conformity with these gives us our strength, complete compliance is not to be expected; we have the human equation to consider; we must, however, see that the foundation of our Institution, composed of the fundamentals of Masonry, remain undisturbed; deviation therefrom is weakness, a weakness that will beget further weakness. Therein lies the work of the Craft, so that each succeeding generation may move a little closer to the attainment of our ideal of Brotherhood, a little closer to God.

Membership 320,985. Lodges. 990.

The Grand Librarian says that 15,000 members made use of the Library during the year.

The Committee on Legislation say:

Your committee appeared before a legislative committee in opposition to a bill which provided in substance that there should be no solicitation directly or indirectly for any

charitable or benevolent purpose by any organization or society without a state license. Your committee believed that such a measure would be an unwarranted interference by the State with the worthy activities of our Fraternity in the cause of charity and benevolence. The bill was defeated.

Ossian Lang the Grand Historian, again gives a most informative and educative report, saying:

What an opportunity there is for Masonry to spread abroad its principles of brotherhood and toleration, of co-operation, of all for the good of all, of honesty and righteous living, of promoting patriotism and respect for lawful authority, of cultivating faith in the future of the common country!

He gives a full resume of Masonry in Rumania.

Fraternal recognition is extended to the Grand Orient of Rumania and permission is given the seven lodges of Bukharest to affiliate with the Grand Orient.

In a brief but comprehensive address M.W. Bro. Tompkins said of Grand Master Rowan:

His determination that this jurisdiction should not be affiliated with or recognize so-called Masonic bodies that rather repudiate the great fundamental principle of Freemasonry — God and the Bible — has had and will always have the approval of genuine Freemasonry; and by his attitude on this subject he has won the gratitude of Masons here and everywhere, and for his emphatic position, the work done, the service rendered, the things accomplished, he is and will be known and honored throughout the Masonic world.

The newly elected M.W. Bro. Harold J. Richardson, with whom this reviewer was delightfully associated in New York three years ago, delivered a striking address in which he said:

Freemasonry is in essence a moral and spiritual force. The unpardonable sin of a Mason is ignorance of Masonry. The very meaning of the word "Mason" is "a builder", and the main purpose of our Order is building of manhood, in character and power.

I am told that the oldest existing Masonic document is one written in 1390.

We are following a purpose in New York. We are aiming toward a goal. We are preserving not only the working principles but the high ideals to which our Fraternity has been pledged and for which our biggest minds have labored for centuries. The result of it all is a united Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. William M. Logan, of Hamilton, represents New York near Canada.

The list of bequests and legacies to the Hall and Asylum Fund covers three pages, a magnificent tribute to the philanthropy of New York and to the worthy object of those generous bequests.

We quote almost the whole Foreword of the review of Foreign Correspondence as follows:

We take this opportunity to again emphasize the exceptional value of the facts and expositions of the trend of Masonic thought and actions as revealed in our gleanings from the Proceedings of the Craft in the United States and elsewhere.

The Masonic education of the membership of the Fraternity is everywhere insisted upon as never before. We know of no more effective means of promoting this desirable end than a thoughtful reading of the reports of what is being said and done at the annual communications of our own Grand Lodge and the regular jurisdictions with which this is in fraternal relationship, supplemented by constant reference to our Constitution and comparison with the teachings and work in the lodges.

The varying interpretations presented of the mission and objects of Freemasonry, and as to what are the limits within which the Craft seeks to realize these, yield food for open-minded reflection; while gratification and inspiration will be found in the discovery that the essential elements of Masonry are the same everywhere. True Masonry is universal in that it is adapted to every land and clime, and need not yield up one iota of its central thought to gather in the best of every race, and unite them in a great brotherhood seeking to exemplify in thought and conduct the will of Him who is Our Father.

The thoughtful study of the report is commended to all Brethren who take their Masonry seriously.

S. NELSON SAWYER,
ARTHUR S. TOMPKINS, Committee.
OSSIAN LANG,

Under Pennsylvania they say:

The splendid Masonic Homes of Pennsylvania are attracting, each year, thousands of visitors. In no other jurisdiction have the homes so completely won the support of the Fraternity. The list of bequests is an astounding one.

Canada is comprehensively reviewed. The ad-

dress prepared by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary being commended. The reviewers add:

The usefulness and very existence of the Craft depends upon the maintenance of a high moral standard in its membership so that foreign jurisdictions may "with confidence and safety" receive those who carry the credentials of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is particularly good, and the temptation is to quote from it extensively.

Our own report received kindly commendation:

The foreword with which William N. Ponton ushers in his excellent reviews is characteristic of this dynamic craftsman. "The Ganglia of Masonry" is his picturesquely fit name for Masonic Grand Lodges. Correspondence Committees are the "liaison officers" who keep open the lines of communication between jurisdictions. In the Afterword he summarizes what in his thoughtful reading of Proceedings impressed him most as representing the outstanding things in the year's Masonic doings.

Six pages are devoted to New York, and the story of our work is told in a neighborly spirit and with a keen eye to outstanding features.

Under Quebec we find:

Masonry is a Spirit, first, last and always. It is the Spirit of human friendship. It rises above all sectional feelings, all racial differences. It has only one dogma—the Fatherhood of God.

This magic word of Masonry is the watchword of the future. It is emphasized in every twisted telegraphic coil that binds the continents together, by every keel that plows the seas shortening the distance between the hearts of men, by every plane that soars the skies eliminating ancient barriers, by every rail of steel that binds the ends of the earth together in the greater oneness, by every message that the radio flings upon the unbound air.

Scotland is delightfully reviewed with this quotation:

Brethren, the British sailors and the British soldiers in Cologne have behaved with a spirit of courtesy, a spirit of chivalry, a spirit of moderation, and a spirit of honour, which have won the respect and even the admiration of the Germans themselves.

Under Holland the reviewers have developed some most interesting matter which space will not permit us to reprint. We cannot resist the following however:

Past Grand Master Lingbeek asked, "Have we Masons, as such, anything to offer to the young now? Can we bring them anything now?" The other point is one illustrated in a charmingly quaint experience related by Bro. deGroot, who said.

"I have drawn therefrom this conclusion that many a time—not that I am an exceptional individual—the friends of my children come to me, whenever they have weighty matters and say 'May I just talk with you about this?' I believe that starting from that direction we can do more for the young than by going organizing."

Under the Grand East of the Netherlands we read:

Dutch Freemasonry always has evinced a keen interest in international co-operation in the field of Freemasonry.

Reference to the spiritual basis of Freemasonry, which we Hollanders consider essential, is entirely lacking in the Declaration.

Under Italy we learn that the Grand Orient has been deprived of its beautiful home, the Palace Giustiniani dating from 1580. It has been expropriated.

The Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina furnishes most interesting matter as will be seen by the following:

The stirring, inspiring, noble address delivered by Bro. Reverchon on this occasion deserves to be translated in full, but we can give here only the thought in the center, which, brief as it is, sets forth the remedy for all dissensions.

From this reality, this diffusion, this complexity, this anarchistic life, the Mason seeks out the harmonious truth. To him the future appears simple and clear. In a word, fortified by his conception of the Great Architect of the Universe, his intelligence deduces out of the chaos of life the everlasting and unchanging foundation, as distinguished from the variable and changing conditions all around. In that conception his spirit finds repose.

As regards liberty of thought, he said that this presupposed that what each asks for himself he must grant to every other individual. That being conceded, we can admit to our Fraternity every man who thinks Masonically. The concession implies also that there is no room in Masonry for atheism, anti-militarism, and monism.

"The greatest happiness of the thinking man is to have penetrated the searchable and tranquilly to revere the unsearchable." This profession of faith of the greatest thinker among Masons, (Goethe) the Grand Master urged, we may make our own: "Let us then revere the unsearchable, and when we must have a name, let it be the Great Architect

of the Universe. In this expression I find that which binds together the lodges of the world. Those who feel the need of a personal God find him in that phrase, and for the others it is a circumscription of their own religious belief."

The volume concludes with careful statistics of the world.

MEMBERSHIP

Total for Canada.....	186,983
Total for United States.....	3,134,501
Total for Australasia.....	160,482
Total for Great Britain and Ireland	460,000

Total membership of regular lodges in the world, approximately, 4,300,000.

The four numerically strongest jurisdictions are New York, England, Illinois and Pennsylvania, with an aggregate membership of..... 1,108,421.

Twelve jurisdictions have a membership of over 100,000 each. They are in order of numerical strength: New York, England, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Texas, Indiana, Massachusetts, California, Missouri and Ontario (Canada) with a total membership of 2,152,786.

Grand Secretary, Robert Judson Kenworthy.

NEW ZEALAND

M.W. Brother General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., Grand Master.

Membership 24,823. 285 active lodges.

The Grand Secretary is Colonel George Barclay of Wellington.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Wellington, 24th November, 1926.

Five Past Grand Masters supported the Throne in the Grand East.

The balance sheet shows a handsome total of £102,-479 Sterling.

This report was made and these answers given under Benevolence. They reflect the large heart and business acumen of our Brethren in the sister Dominion:

All applications for grants had been carefully investigated. The Board had been guided in its decisions largely by the consideration whether the lodge which made the application had itself assisted the applicant. As in other years, a number

of cases that had come forward for assistance were notable for the fact that the applicants had made small provision, if any, for the eventuality of sickness or other troubles. The Board had asked him again to impress upon representatives of lodges the wisdom of inquiring from candidates for admission into the Craft whether they had made any provision for those dependent upon them in case they should themselves become disabled by illness or accident. It was merely ordinary prudence to suggest to such persons that their duty to their families, before they sought entrance into the Craft, was to secure life insurance or membership of a friendly society.

Funds were raised for the benefit of widows and orphans to liquidate mortgages. In such a case, was the property, when freed, handed over to the widow, to deal with as she pleased, or was the mortgage transferred to the trustees of Grand Lodge, so as to protect the property against the consequences of a possibly unfortunate second marriage?

V.W. Bro. Wells said that the interests of Grand Lodge had been carefully safeguarded in such matters. In every case a transfer to the Grand Lodge Trustees was taken.

The Grand Master made a special appeal for funds during the year, from which we take these persuasive paragraphs, to which there was a generous response:

Further, it is possible, and even probable, that the Dominion may have to face in the future a period of less prosperity than that which it has had the good fortune to enjoy in the past, and appeals for assistance may be expected to increase.

I feel confident also that in circumstances which show so clearly the need of a great united effort, brethren generally will welcome the opportunity of showing that Freemasonry is to them a real living inspiration, and that the brotherly love which we profess and to which we have pledged ourselves, stands the test of personal sacrifice.

On the contrast between benevolence and refreshments V.W. Bro. Wells said:

With all diffidence he would suggest to lodges that when their annual balance sheets were available a comparison should be made between the amounts spent on refreshment and those devoted to Masonic charity. A little sacrifice in the refectory, and a corresponding increase in the subscriptions to the benevolent funds, would meet the case. If our refreshment expenses were reduced by 10 per cent., and the charity donations increased to the same extent, there would be no need for any future Grand Master to issue a special appeal.

M.W. Bro. Earl Jellicoe was appointed to represent New Zealand in England, a position vacant since the death of M.W. Bro. Lord Plunket.

Representatives of the following Grand Lodges were

appointed: National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Panama and Chile.

The Brethren contributed £268 Sterling to the preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral Dome, showing their attachment not merely to the Mother Land but to the "Parish Church of the Empire".

On the proposal to appoint a Juridical Board in place of the Grand Registrar alone, Bro. Burns said, though not quite accurately:

New Zealand was the only Masonic territory that had a peripatetic Grand Lodge office. Nearly every other country had a natural centre.

It was pointed out that many Grand Registrars had no special knowledge of Masonic Law when they took office and had to pick it up with experience. The question was referred back to the Board.

A long discussion took place with regard to the non-uniformity of initiation fees. W. Bro. White said:

The fee fixed by his Lodge was 10 guineas, which he considered low enough. If the meshes of the sieve were widened, the amount of blackballing would have to be increased. The idea of the Craft admitting men, however honourable, into its membership, without regard to their ability to provide for their families, meant taking on an unknown liability. If a prospective brother was not financial enough to be able to spare 10 guineas he was not a suitable candidate.

In the debate on visitors' credentials W. Bro. Burns said:

There was in New Zealand a large amount of visiting by unattached brethren who were simply "knife-and-fork Masons"—men who had not belonged to any Lodge for many years.

A motion to stop the practice of using civil titles in Freemasonry was negatived.

In the discussion on the motion to review the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, M.W. Bro. Dougall said: (but not quite accurately:)

Every Grand Lodge in the English-speaking world, with the exception of England, Scotland, Ireland, and New Zealand, issued reviews of proceedings. Under present conditions, how much did any brother present know about Masonic doings in the British Islands, or Australia, or the American States? The brethren of New Zealand were depriving themselves of one of the greatest things on earth—knowledge.

And W. Bro. Mercer added:

Knowledge could not be weighed out in pounds, shillings, and pence. He was satisfied that the information to be given would brighten, and help to fill, the minds of members.

The Installation of the Grand Master and other officers moves with magnificent pageantry, the opening ode being:

Hail, Eternal! by whose aid
All created things were made;
Heav'n and Earth Thy vast design;
Hear us, Architect Divine!
May our work, begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be,
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace.
So mote it be.

Then followed the trumpet call and Handel's Grand March of Scipio as the Grand Lodge Officers entered. What follows is thus described:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Elect, General Sir Charles Fergusson, then renewed his Vows.

Response:

"Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips that they speak no guile."

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master was Invested and Enthroned.

The Installing Grand Master made obeisance to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and called upon the Most Worshipful and Right Worshipful Brethren upon the dais to follow his example.

Following the Proclamation came Grand Honours and the ode set to that tune to which it has been ever sung—"We can ne'er get away from the tune that they play to that blooming old rag over-head.":

Lord God our Master bless
With health and happiness,
So mote it be.
May he our laws defend,
Our power for good extend,
Our Master, guide, and friend.
So mote it be.

After Grand Honours from the south this ode was sung and other Grand Officers were invested:

Now raise again a joyous strain
And sing with hearty tone.

A welcome give to worthy men,
And worthy men alone.
A welcome sweet to all we meet
Within our sacred walls;
May God still grant that those we greet
May haste when Duty calls.

From the Grand Master's striking address we make these practical selections:

I was especially impressed with the harmony, decorum, and happiness of the refectory gatherings.

These figures, covering a period of six years, give a remarkable picture of the vitality of the Craft, and show a steady average growth in membership of about 1,400 annually.

But we would be ill advised to be so satisfied as to think that no further effort is needed. On the contrary, there are points which require honest stock-taking and anxious consideration.

Considerable difficulty is found in keeping up the interest and activity of some of our younger brethren, and this, gives cause for serious thought. Many young Masons, I am told, drop away, finding, as they say, monotony and even boredom. You may, perhaps, think that I over state the case; yet I am assured that many earnest and promising young Masons find themselves disappointed in their aspirations and become slack in their attendance.

We may have become too stereotyped in our lodge working, have devoted too much time to ceremonial, have paid too much attention to the outside of the cup and platter, and forgotten that it is to the heart that we must make our appeal. It may be that in our lectures, papers, and addresses we have become too abstruse and idealistic, and have neglected to point out the practical application of our ideals.

We who are older men, we on whom is laid the responsibility of guiding and teaching our younger brethren, must be careful lest in becoming absorbed ourselves in the beauty of our ritual, in the fascination of the working of degrees and of research work, in the interest which our position in the Craft gives us, we forget the yearning of younger minds to be something more than spectators and listeners.

"But let us remember that the vitality of a lodge is to be judged not so much by the length of the muster roll as by the record of the attendance book."

As the writer says, any influence which changes our habit of mind from doubt to faith, from fear to courage, from despair to hope, has wrought the most divine ministry which a mortal can enjoy.

The Grand Master thus concluded in the most appropriate words of Ruskin and the Brethren closed by singing the following ode:

And so, Brethren, in the words of Ruskin: "I pray you with all earnestness to prove and to know within your hearts that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibility, and who determine that for their part they will make each day's work contribute to them. Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourselves. So, from day to day and strength to strength, you shall build up an edifice of which it shall not be said: 'See what manner of stones are here,' but 'see what manner of men'."

Almighty Architect! to Thee we raise
With one accord our closing hymn of praise.
We join to bless Thee ere our labours cease,
Begun in harmony and closed in peace.
Grant to each Craftsman skill to do his part;
Thy favour pour upon our Royal Art.
Preserve our Order by Thy gracious care,
Cemented and adorned with virtues rare.

John Boyd represents New Zealand here and Charles Rhodes of Auckland, represents Canada.

NORTH CAROLINA

M.W. Bro. Leon Cash, Grand Master.

Two volumes of Proceedings for 1926 (for the splendid report of Foreign Correspondence is issued in a volume larger than the Proceedings themselves), were printed at the Press of the Oxford Orphanage of North Carolina, where boys and girls are being taught useful and lucrative avocations.

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication convened in Raleigh, January 19th, 1926.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were actively faithful in attendance.

Canada was represented as usual, by M.W. Bro. H. M. Poteat—a power in his Grand Lodge.

From the introduction of the Grand Master's address we chose these selections:

Under favorable conditions we stand again at the open door-way of a New Year, and note an hour that extends a beckoning hand for better Masonic service.

We welcome gladly those fine young men who are here for the first time, erect and clear-eyed; who are full of rich promise

who bring us their vision splendid, their high purposes, new plans and generous enthusiasm; and who will bring those visions, purposes, and plans to a timely fruition.

So that you may rightly judge whether as an unprofitable servant I bring my talent wrapped in a napkin and without usury, or whether like a faithful servant I shall gain your gracious approval by presenting a talent which has gained yet another.

Of the Oxford Orphanage he says:

I had the pleasure of spending two days at the Orphanage in company with Past Grand Master Andrews. We made a thorough and satisfactory inspection. In all I spent seven days on the grounds during the year, and am ready to go back the first chance I get. The Baby Cottage is my center of gravity.

"Where is heaven? Not afar
Hid away behind a star,
Not beyond the sculptured granite
Not upon another planet.
Is it only in the skies?
No—in little children's eyes."

The pity of the orphan's need should be sufficient warrant to cause the doors to swing wide open and provide love and sympathy and all necessary things to all the needy.

The Print Shop is to be commended for the variety and quality of work turned out. The Proceedings this year were issued several months earlier than usual by good team work between the Grand Secretary's office and the Print Shop.

North Carolina is philanthropic indeed and supports also a splendid Home, of which the G.M. says:

It enables the old people to enjoy much of satisfaction and contentment. Before they came the pinch of poverty and uncomfortable surroundings gave them a bleak and cheerless outlook for their later days. Now sunlight filters through the former gloom and they are glad to live awhile longer.

The Masonic Loan Fund prospers.

Of the Foreign Correspondent and M.W. Bro. Andrews, the G.M. says:

I wish to express appreciation of the work of Bro. J. Edward Allen, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence. He has become nationally recognized as a leader in this coterie of distinguished Masons.

These alone would cause him to rank at least as second assistant to the recording angel. P.G.M. A. B. Andrews has already been appointed first assistant.

A joint Masonic history of Tennessee and North

Carolina, closely allied, is to be written and \$1,000 are appropriated to be laid out in assembling material.

The Grand Master urges consolidation of small neighbouring Lodges but says:

I believe Masonry succeeds better in rural districts and small towns than any other fraternal order. But while Masonry has this tenacity of life it is still true that the life of these smaller lodges is not and cannot be the life more abundant. We have planted too many lodges with too few members in the hill.

We should not go to an extreme and consolidate too rapidly. In every case the step should be well considered and then when done, be done right.

Among his decisions are the following:

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina cannot act as administrator or guardian for minor children.

If no testimony or evidence in a trial is submitted by the accused he shall have the right to open and close the argument.

When it is necessary in a trial to have a stenographer, he must be a Mason, but not necessarily a member of the trial lodge.

An expelled Mason can only be restored to membership by the Grand Lodge.

No lodge can attend a religious service, or a funeral, in a body and duly clothed, unless the lodge is opened in due form before the service, and closed in due form after the service.

A lodge has no authority over an expelled Mason. If he persists in wearing a Masonic emblem after expulsion, he can only be dealt with through action in the courts of the State.

In my interpretation of the law I have tried to say what the law says, and where the law didn't seem to say I tried to use common sense. Not being a lawyer, or the son of a lawyer, but only the grandson of a lawyer, I just did the best I could.

Of Masonic offences he most touchingly and intriguingly thus speaks:

I know all sides of this question, both the inside and the outside of it, and I have been on all sides of it, both inside and outside. Only a merciful Providence keeps me from falling. Many men with this weakness have hearts of gold and delightful personal characteristics which attract men to them. On the other hand many who are not tempted are cold and unfeeling in their intolerance toward the weakness of the wayward, and know not the joy that sympathy gives the heart of both. Brotherly admonition will give strength and courage and confidence to the good intentions of him who loves not wisely but too well. You cannot be just or Masonic if you invoke the law before you try to help. A whisper of good

counsel in the ear may be the due and timely notice of approaching danger, which may materially aid in substantial reformation.

Of Masonry generally he says:

Masonry is Organized Patriotism.

Induce your fellowman to accept that other admonition which requires "eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother," and you have translated the doctrine of service into daily life in a way that would solve all our labor problems.

It is sincere satisfaction of mind and joy of heart to feel the recompense of service.

"But if we can come home tonight
And know today we did the right,
And made the world, that never knew it,
A little better, passing through it,
Yes, know we served our fellowmen,
Then we are paid—but not till then."

Membership 41,334. Net gain 697.

Grand Orator Weaver delivered a bright and happy address, a contrast to many stilted ones which we have not reported:

One of the most delightful of modern essayists is a certain Mr. Boreham of Australia. In reading one of his books a few days ago I came on this phrase "The Morning Mind". The contention of the essayist was that things look different in the morning from the night before. The night mind is largely emotional—"drunken" he calls it. While the cool white light of a rising sun gives to conduct and to propositions a very different hue. Dr. Jekyl—sober, upright and an honored member of an honored profession and Mr. Hyde—cruel debauchee of the night time are examples too famous for extended comment.

It is not my purpose to give further consideration to the phrase except to make use of it in the subject which I wish to discuss briefly tonight—that is, "Morning Minded Men."

And what body of men in all our Commonwealth should make more ready or more hearty response to such a thought! If this body of men cannot catch enthusiasm from the idea of open and fair minded consideration of great questions, low indeed must be the level of interest in the state at large.

The world is not static and has never been, and please God never shall be. The men of open minds are to be its guide. These men are never fearful. Danger but stimulates them.

History builds no monuments to the reactionary. When President Wilson coined the phrase "forward looking men," he gave currency to a phrase that meant more than just a dreamer.

—To the Men of Bold Sight,
Whose souls seized of Light,
Found a work to be done and have done it.

—To the Men of Goodwill,
Who will cure all Life's ill,
And whose passion for peace will ensue it.

—To these shall the world henceforth belong,
And they shall go up and possess it;
Overmuch, overlong, has the world suffered wrong,
We are here by God's help to redress it.

Grand Master Randell of Texas, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, spoke convincingly.

Bro. Gable, 92 years of age, Secretary of Franklin Lodge, made a Mason in 1864, was duly honoured.

The Chairman of the Necrology Committee thus reported. The report is a treasure house of poetry:

Between these two poles of manhood the black torches of death are lighted on our altar, and we mourn in this hour, great and small, strong and weak, rich and poor, old and young, grave and gay, but each, let us hope, brave and good.

Toil on and in thy toil rejoice
For toil comes rest, for exile home,
Soon shall thou hear the Bride-Groom's voice
The mid-night peal, "Behold I come."

The following motions are instructional:

A. B. Andrews offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be directed to look into the question of the standards of recognition of other Grand Lodges, as prescribed by the several Grand Lodges of North America, and include the same in his report on correspondence to the Grand Lodge of 1927.

J. Edward Allen offered the following resolution which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge adopted a standard basis of recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, which is set out at length in the Proceedings, and it appearing that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico now complies with the standard set out in that basis of recognition.

Therefore, recognition is hereby extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

On St. John the Baptist Day Grand Lodge convened at the Orphanage when Bro. Taylor delivered a delightful address of welcome, full of quaint terms:

Sometimes I wonder if the individuals of the Masonic Fraternity fully realize the magnitude and magnificence of the work they are doing—if they realize the fact that for the past fifty odd years they have been responsible for the physical, mental, and spiritual training and development of thousands of North Carolina's young boys and girls. This responsibility, to my mind, is one of the most beautiful and at the same time most serious, that any body of men could possibly undertake—the care, custody, and training of young bodies and souls.

Dr. Jester also spoke saying:

It is a beautiful custom to meet on Saint John's Day at Oxford, the Mecca of North Carolina Masons.

We, Americans, above all other people seem to have a voracious hunger for public speaking, when we gather to eat, smoke, and listen to some speaker show the eagle or scrape the stars. A school boy defined elocution as "a new way of putting people to death, since hanging has gone out of fashion."

We are to serve our country in time of peace as well as in time of war. Many Americans need Americanizing. We are making Americanism too cheap and are permitting radicalism, bolshevism, the I.W.W.'s and every other traitorous element to ply their infernal teaching without facing deportation or the firing squad. Well did Roosevelt say: "This Country is large enough for but one flag."

Against Roman Catholicism, as a religion, Masonry wages no war, granting to all men the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

To be a Mason is it to take the obligation, wear the apron and be hailed as a brother? Yes, it is this but more. Is it to be regarded as a "good fellow" at banquets and hold social fellowship with one's brothers? It is all this but more. Is it to interest one's self in needy widows and defenseless orphans of our brethren and others? It is this but more. Is it to be intelligent in Masonic lore, to appreciate the dignity of our Order and give to our country a patriotic citizenship? Yes, it is all these but infinitely more. It is to be a man, clean, upright, alert, outspoken, sincere, tolerant of the honest conviction of others, with a love of the beautiful, and possessed with the spirit of adoration for all that is true and Divine, this will mean winsome Masonry.

At the meeting of Grand Lodge to dedicate a new Masonic Temple at Enfield, the Grand Master said:

Freemasonry is a social institution. We call from labor to refreshment. There temperance presides. Polite courtesy, pleasing address, and social intercourse are cultivated, the bonds of friendship are strengthened and to the refreshment of the body are joined the feast of reason and the flow of soul. Freemasonry is, therefore, fitted to lead and direct in an ideal social state.

Freemasonry is based upon immutable truth and right. It knows not the chances and shifts of expediency and opportunism.

R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K.C., of Napanee, represents North Carolina.

The Foreign Correspondence Report of J. Edward Allen leads all others. He precedes it by a report on the influence of North Carolina in American Grand Lodge History, saying:

If it looks like we claim too much, the truth is that we are not claiming anything, but merely compiling the work done outside of this State.

Seven come from us exclusively, in ten others North Carolina sources are in the lead, and in still another group North Carolina sources are distinctly and perceptibly felt. Our people have gone to all parts of the earth.

Under Alberta we find this comment:

The Grand Master believes that Masonic publicity in the secular press is to be condemned. We think he is correct within certain limits only. In this day, the public press can, we believe, be well used by Masonry, if properly used.

Under Arkansas he trenchantly says:

Here is another in which we are ready ever lastingly to agree with him:

All appeals for aid in assisting lodges in building, paying mortgages, debts, etc., have been refused by me.

How any lodge can, owning its hall, failing to keep it insured, after its destruction by fire have the gall to seek to appeal for aid to other lodges which in practically every case were too poor to own any hall, or else were so provident in insuring theirs that they are unwilling to put a premium on improvidence by a contribution, we can't see.

Between nearly every review of different Grand Jurisdictions he inserts a well selected poem.

Canada is richly and generously given seven full pages of friendly and fraternal review.

The Annual Communication is held in a school building.

We wish our Brother had explained what the "Rotary" system is, and how it functions in its system. We need it, if it does what he says it does.

They do say that Quebec is very popular with Americans of all sorts just now; some, we fear, do not go there to test their will power, but their "lodging power" instead.

The Correspondent thinks there should be a Masonic Home, in which view we deliver, horseback fashion, a concurring opinion.

He quotes largely from the report on the Condition of Masonry which he rightly says is most admirably written and is full of wise observations. He adds too that one of the strong features of Canadian Masonry and one in which it excels is the District Deputy System. My Brethren of Canada must pardon my reproducing the following delightful personal touch and banter:

WE MEET A NEIGHBOR.

In commenting upon North Carolina he graciously commends our "assiduity in acquiring and crystallizing information." We are very agreeably surprised to find the following personal remark from him:

"This reviewer has always had a special interest in North Carolina as his father's kith and kin settled near Weldon many years ago and one survivor still occupies the old home there."

Why, God bless you, Brother, we have spent all our days within forty miles of that town called Weldon, North Carolina; and had a delightful stay there one Sabbath day last summer, when invited to occupy the pulpit of one of the churches there—no, we are not a preacher, nor the son of a preacher. Come down here and see us, Brother.

The District of Columbia gives him ample opportunity:

Masonic Clubs are not bad; we only have to prevent the fruition of bad tendencies. This is true of the best of all things.

The Grand Lodge of Roumania was recognized. It is frankly admitted that it is "of Scottish Rite origin". Its eleven lodges have 300 members. It is now, however, an autonomous Masonic organization, complying with the requirements.

Here is one of his "inserts":

"Four things man must learn to do
If he would keep his record true,
To think without confusion—clearly,
To love his fellow man—sincerely,
To act from honest motives—purely,
To trust in God and Heaven—securely."

Iowa and Block give him this:

"Stout muscles and a sinewy heart,
A hardy frame and a hardier heart,
King of two hands, he does his part
In every useful toil and art."

From the "Master Mason" he reprints and we share it:

I am the spirit of Masonry.

I preach the gospel of brotherly love and affection for all mankind.

I bring unto you the lessons of Faith, of Hope, and of Charity.

I break off the corners of rough stones, the better to fit them for the Builder's use.

I give unto you the light, whereby you see the Divine plan of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

I prepare you as living stones for His Spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

I bring into your hearts the secret of the lost word, the only real secret that is in Masonry, the secret which can never be imparted by human lips, the secret which comes to man through his own soul when, in weakness and humility, he kneels before God.

I teach you always the lesson of the ages, that man is born to die, that all things earthly shall pass away, that your souls alone keep step with the march of eternity.

I reveal to you the truth, that man must meet death to find life.

I proclaim unto you forever the message of your patron saint, John the Evangelist, who tells you: "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord."

He says with no uncertain sound:

They want our comment on what we see, not to tell them what to think but to stimulate them to do their own thinking. We are a part of the plan of North Carolina Masonic Education—not a "Mutual Admiration Bureau" with other Correspondents.

He thus welcomes Wyoming and sleep:

Unto this Last!

Somebody has called this scribe an old maid; for we arrange all of our books in a row, alphabetical-wise, and start with Alabama. Thus it is, from the point of being glad that the manual labor of it is done, that Wyoming is the most delectable state in the Masonic world; not alone the Union. For here it is that we quit writing for the year, and let ourselves take vacations in the evenings; here it is that we can get a much needed rest; here it is that we can enjoy Christmas with the sense of having done a year's work. To us, the State of Wyoming is the State of Repose Much Needed. Do you censure us for having a hankering for the opportunity to get to Wyoming?

From his farewell we make these selections. He calls them his "Memorandum of Transmittal" and thus "hands down":

The writer has no apology to offer for failing to keep him-

self entirely out of the pages set before the readers; he believes it is his duty to enter there, and to do so in a truly fraternal spirit.

Nor do we feel any sense of dereliction in duty on account of having done some "shears and paste" work. That which others say is often vastly more interesting and forceful than that which we could compose; direct quotation is much more forceful than "*oratio obliqua*" such as the boys used to dig out in Caesar's Commentaries.

Again this writer acknowledges the painstaking assistance of Mrs. Allen, both direct and indirect. The Reviewer's wife deserves double sympathy; she not only must needs endure as does the Reviewer, but she must endure the Reviewer as well. Many a time and oft, she foregoes the desire for conversation and relaxation, working in silence, while he is seen to be absorbed in the things that happened in some unknown place months ago. For all that one does, the price of a sacrifice must be paid by somebody.

NORTH DAKOTA

Theodore B. Elton, M.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Elton's biography and his handsome features precede the Proceedings. Of him his biographer says:

Theodore Bird Elton is the first native son of Dakota to sit in the Grand East in this Jurisdiction. He is likewise a pioneer of this commonwealth, having been born in the then frontier village of Grand Forks, 1879.

Coming of English ancestry it is not strange that his religious affiliations are Episcopalian.

He presided over the last session of the Grand Lodge with ease and gracious dignity. His aptness with a good story or a bit of repartee came in good play frequently.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was held in Bismarck, June 15th, 1926.

The Grand Master of Montana was cordially received and several fifty year old Masons were honoured in the Grand East.

The Deputy Grand Master was Bro. F. C. Falkenstein who contributed so much to the success and enjoyment of our Grand Lodge at Fort William and Port Arthur in 1926.

The cultivation of fellowship among lodges ad-

jacent to each other following out the "Group meeting idea" is urged, and the value of "The Master Mason" was stressed.

The formation of a fund known as the Walter L. Stockwell Fund in connection with the Library was inaugurated, a worthy tribute to a veteran and effective worker.

Among the Grand Master's decisions was that a demit could not be withheld from a Brother who had paid his dues but who had not paid a note given as subscription to a Building Fund of the lodge.

From the conclusion we take these worthy thoughts:

The spirit of service is implanted firmly in practically every section of the jurisdiction. So let us thank God for the fraternalism of the heart that makes it possible for every human being to do something to make life worth living while he lives, and the world better for his existence in it. Mathematicians are able to calculate how far it is from the farthest star to the earth, but no one has yet been able to calculate the influence for good of one kind word or one kind act.

It is said that when ships are at sea and a land breeze is blowing, the sailors, by standing in the focus of the main-sail, can hear the church bells ringing a hundred miles ashore. And we, who stand to-day, as Freemasons, in the focus of the great fraternal system, can hear from every side the stories of unselfish lives, of deeds of sacrifice, devotion and loving kindness, can hear the prayers of grateful hearts, the praise of thankful tongues, can hear the songs of home and humanity.

Yet by way of converse to the Grand Master's optimism we find the report of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund to read as follows:

Many lodges have been looking to the material side of the order more than to the sympathetic side of the individual member. The social aspect has been an appealing one and has eclipsed the fraternal touch. The glitter and display has been emphasized so much in recent years, that the neighborly visitation has been pushed in the background. Lodges have strained themselves in resources in providing finely equipped homes with splendid kitchen utensils to care for the social features they were intending to develop in the community but have neglected to equip themselves with resources to respond to the urgent call for help from a worthy brother or family which comes without advance notice.

Membership 15,254. Net gain 184.

The conclusion of Grand Secretary Stockwell's report gives his own record of personal service, but much might be added to this:

It is thirty-four years since we first attended this Grand Lodge. Nearly half that number of years we have been your Grand Secretary. Twenty-four years ago you honored us with an election as Grand Master. In all these years we have had one aim and ambition and that was to make Freemasonry a more influential factor in the lives of our members and incidentally help raise the standards of manhood and citizenship in our commonwealth. How much has been accomplished we do not presume to say. History alone will reveal. We have done what we could.

298 sets of the "Little Masonic Library" have been distributed throughout the State.

Under the Hager Memorial Fund this line is quoted from Archbishop Tillotson:

"In some circumstances, to die is to live."

Fraternal Correspondent Phelps not merely reviews sister Jurisdictions but summarizes Masonic events in a comprehensive way.

In the seventy reports that have come to me this year I have found only two Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and one outside reporting a numerical loss. The total is not far from 1,000, but this is more than offset by the splendid growth reported in all the others. In round numbers this country and Canada have over three and one-half million Master Masons.

He adds that the most universally discussed question is Education, the discussion being sub-divided in four heads—First Masonic education with instruction along the lines of Ritualism, History, Philosophy, etc. He comments on "Degree Teams". Second—Local educational work and politics. Third—Homes and instructing the children. Fourth—Student Loan Funds, of which he says:

It gives help instead of charity, and while some may say, it is mercenary to loan a student the money to get his education and expect him to pay it back, that is what makes character. The fellow who denies himself to save and repay a student loan will make good.

As to presenting Bibles he says:

We rather like the thought expressed by some of the more conservative Grand Lodges, that if this practice is

followed—to give the King James version, without too much in the way of interpolated explanatory or editorial matter.

He adds regarding other matters the following:

We have not discovered any material change in the style of night-shirt being worn by the Ku Klux Klan nor any marked improvement in the wearers of this garb. It is not an active menace in many Jurisdictions. In one or two states it has done much harm and is disrupting many lodges.

Instead of revising the ritual suppose we live up to it to the best of our abilities. That might help a lot.

"If all the merit I shall reap
Lies in the simple faith I keep,
Pleased with my neighbors, friends,
Who tested oft and found me true,
Though far behind the great I trailed,
God will not say that I have failed."

The Committee quote and add:

But all realize that things do not merely happen. They come as a result of earnest toil. They toil and as they toil they sing:—

It's the toil you give to get a thing,
The blood, the sweat and trouble, we reckon by
And every tear we shed will make their value double.

The soil is prepared by consecrated effort. The seed is sown under the skilful management of the leader. The growth occurs under his watchful eye. The harvest comes in its appointed time and the song of the reaper fills the land and the lodge.

One lodge has built up a library for the benefit of those who read and ponder. Reading is absolutely necessary.

"For he has counsel at his side
And wisdom for his duty,
And laughter gay for hours of play
And tenderness and beauty,
And fellowship divinely rare,
True friends who never doubt him,
Unchanging love, and God above,
Who keeps good books about him."

"Oh the work is hard and the days are long
But hammers are tools for men
And granite endures and steel is strong,
Outliving both brush and pen.
And ages after our voice is stilled
Men shall know we lived by the things we build."

The Committee on Patriotic Service say, and embody in their Report Dr. John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" in full:

No real lover of his country's Flag can rest easily when he fully appreciates the situation which confronts this nation at the present time. There is open violation of the law and the constitution. If we understand treason, this is treason.

Alexander B. Taylor was present as the Grand Representative of Canada.

The Masonic Veterans' Association thrives apace.

R.W. Bro. H. D. Leask of North Bay, represents North Dakota.

Bro. Phelps presents a concentrated fraternal review of all the Jurisdictions, pausing here and there to comment as in California:

He frankly admits that "there is not now and has not been at any time during my administration absolute peace and harmony." This condition he ascribes somewhat to the rapid growth of the Order and that some of the men who have come in have done so because they wanted through the Blue Lodge to get into what he calls "the playground of Masonry." But, notwithstanding some friction, he found the "great heart of Masonry still staunch and true."

He gives a summary of Canada's Proceedings and quotes the whole of the Grand Master's address, as to Masonic offences.

Of our D.D.G.M's and of our review he says:

The District Deputy Grand Masters seem to have vied with each other in activity. Their reports show the condition of the Craft to be excellent.

North Dakota is given most kindly and fraternal treatment. It would be highly interesting, if our space permitted to quote many pages of the comments on questions under consideration, made by our learned fellow laborer. May we sum the whole matter up in a sentence? The brother who wishes to take a survey of Masonry in action for the years 1924 and 1925 can get more from a reading of this report than from any other source with which we are familiar.

Quebec impressed him deeply and he reprints the poem used by the Grand Master:

"Then the Empire of Right shall be founded,
And the sway of its sceptre increase.
Till mankind shall stand shoulder to shoulder,
In the ranks—not of war but of peace.
"Then the Spirit of truth shall reign o'er us,
And Humanity's banner float free
Till Fraternity's message is wafted,
To the uttermost isles of the sea."

The last pages contain the Law of Freemasonry.

Containing the Ancient charges and Resolutions, Landmarks, Constitution, By-laws, Standing Resolutions, Approved Decisions, Masonic Code and Appendix of General Forms.

From the foreword we take the following:

We would go further and call the attention of the Craft to the place in Masonic Jurisprudence of by-law, standing resolution and approved decision. A by-law is compulsory and anything not mandatory in nature has no place therein. A standing resolution is, except in mandatory matters of temporary nature, purely advisory. An approved decision of a Grand Master is merely an interpretation of Masonic Law as it exists.

Then follow the ancient Constitutions as we and all the Craft have them. Then general regulations and by-laws brought up to date.

We cordially greet our neighbors to the north.

NOVA SCOTIA

M.W. Arthur James David, Grand Master.

The Sixty-first Annual Communication was held at Halifax, 9th June, 1926.

Canada was represented by Bro. James C. Jones, Grand Secretary.

Grand Master Ewing of Quebec, was warmly received.

The Grand Master then placed Grand Lodge in the hands of the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form the Craft in procession to attend Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, where they listened to a most eloquent and thoughtful sermon by Grand Chaplain Knott and as his utterances are somewhat out of the ordinary we share some of them with our brethren:

"The invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made."

From the very earliest ages of Mankind, the efforts of human beings have been put forth, both to visualize for themselves and to depict for others, with increasing success, in progressive degrees—as man increased in intelligence and experience—first, the outward forms and then the inward workings and spiritual meanings of the objects of creation.

The Bible is the most dramatic book in the world—and its characters are the most splendidly pictorial and theatrical—e.g. Shipbuilding Noah—Nomad Abraham—Patient Job—Joseph, in his chequered career from Slavery to the Egyptian Throne—David, the Giant-Killer—Samson the strong—Solomon, the wise and weak—Prophets—Warriors—Humble Fisher Folks—Virgins and Magdalens—all jostle one another on these pages as characters on a stage, and as quickly as they pass, we can never forget them again.

It is a great duty of Freemasons to concentrate upon the lessons which underlie these Ritualistic ceremonies. But how many of us really do that? We witness the same ritual year after year, go through the same ceremonies, say the same words and tire of them, only because we do not concentrate upon the inward fullness of meaning of such words and ceremonies.

Ritual in the lodge is not only an adjunct. It is a necessity.

Grand Lodge then returned to the lodge-room and resumed labour and the Grand Master delivered an able address from which we make these thoughtful extracts:

We remember that the All-Seeing Eye is upon us, and we must act together as faithful Craftsmen, ever striving to do our best in those things that lie before us, for "Success at its highest and best is the inevitable inflow of good, which follows the outflow of service."

There are many reasons why we as men and Masons should love and respect Masonry; but the principal one is because it stands for everything that tends towards the building up of manly men, good, broad-minded, square acting men. We may be weak, but Masonry is strong. We may be timid, but Masonry is fearless. We may grow weary—Masonry needs no rest. We may lose heart—Masonry knows not despair.

The leaves of the Oak and Willow shall fade,
Be scattered around, and together be laid;
And the young and the old, and the low and the high,
Shall moulder to dust and together shall lie.

I cannot stress too strongly the immediate necessity of the new proposed addition to the Home and I hope that before very long the building will have commenced.

We have now a waiting list and I know that there are several lodges, that would like to present applications for some of their members. It is my opinion that our Home is one of our best assets.

Look forward, toil onward, and when in the end
Well merited honors you've won,
Be proud that your claim to the prize did not lie
In being a somebody's son.

The Grand Master among his decisions having decided that it was not proper to wear Grand Lodge Regalia in a subordinate lodge parade, the Committee on Jurisprudence disagreed with him. Two other decisions may be of interest:

If complaint is made to the Worshipful Master advancement will be withheld until proper charges have been made and result of investigation known.

A member suspended for N.P.D. in one lodge is automatically suspended from the whole Craft.

The Grand Secretary says in his report with reference to a very practical phase of brotherliness:

I wish to extend my thanks to all who have assisted me in finding employment to so many members of the Craft or their dependants, during the year, such assistance is gratefully appreciated.

Membership 9,744. Gain 82.

\$10,136 are acknowledged as subscriptions for the enlargement of the Nova Scotia Freemasons Home Enlargement Fund.

The Grand Historian, Bro. R. V. Harris, whom as Grand Z. of Grand Chapter we had the privilege of meeting in Montreal, presented a preliminary Report, full of interest and research on the History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia. His numerous addresses delivered every year in different parts of the Province are of great educative interest.

Thomas Forsyth of Toronto, represents Nova Scotia with us.

The Grand Secretary, James C. Jones presents his twelfth Annual Correspondence Report, in the introduction of which he acknowledges his indebtedness to M.W. Bro. Charles R. Smith, K.C., He says generally:

We have arrived at the point where we believe that in all Jurisdictions Subordinate Lodges are more or less taking stock and weeding out a lot of dead wood and endeavouring to see to it that only men willing to become Freemasons, and not merely members of the Craft, are admitted.

Under British Columbia he asks:

We note that a brother was unfortunately expelled by Grand Lodge, but his name is withheld. Why?

From California he quotes largely including the following:

I have no quarrel with any of these organizations, but I do believe and it is not alone my recommendation but also my prayer, that this Grand Lodge should make a solemn and unequivocal pronouncement on this matter, this Grand Lodge is big enough, is powerful enough, is influential enough to direct that a man's standing in Masonry is dependent upon his loyalty to the institution, is dependent upon his obedience to its laws and regulations.

Of Canada he says:

On account of illness Grand Master Drope was necessarily absent. We further cull from the Address that this Grand Lodge had its birth-place in the City of Hamilton seventy years ago, at that time consisting of only forty-one lodges. From forty-one the number has now increased to five hundred and upwards.

While it is quite true that they have no Masonic Home in this Jurisdiction a very large amount is every year expended in the relief of needy and deserving brethren.

A warning is given the brethren not to become associated with The Ku Klux Klan.

Of our own review he is kind enough to speak:

A very excellent report on Correspondence was again submitted in which the proceedings of Sixty-six Sister Grand Lodges were reviewed in a concise, but most interesting and fraternal manner.

From Colorado he quotes:

Any Master Mason who shall become a member of said so-called Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (or Grotto) shall be subject to Masonic discipline.

"No countenance should be given to new organizations which seek to build upon Freemasonry."

There are other organizations which possess many virtues but which Grand Lodges have declined to sanction because by forming adjuncts or side issues to Masonry they sap its strength directing the interest of its members into collateral channels.

Under Texas he double leads in large type the following:

It is a Fraternity of good men linked together by indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interest in factional politics and sectarian religion and free from the dictation of both.

And he summarizes again the cost of maintenance in the various Masonic Homes of the United States, in which there are now about 6,000 guests.

Our colleague's review is comprehensive and satisfying.

OHIO

M.W. Earle Stewart, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication was held in Cincinnati, on the Roof Garden of the Hotel Gibson, October 20th, 1926.

Again Ohio scores with its loyal allegiance of 23 Past Grand Masters who added a mellow maturity to the Proceedings.

A biography of the new Grand Master with engraving opens the Transactions of Ohio. His biographer says that he has travelled much, that he is a Specialist in Eye and Ear Diseases and sums up his virtues by saying that he is a Rotarian and a Presbyterian.

The invocations of the Grand Chaplains throughout the United States are in classical form. We give these two aspirations from Grand Chaplain Townsend's opening prayer:

Now, we thank Thee for the Godly fellows of men who are like-minded, seeking the things above and not below. Inspire us all to nobler thinking and nobler doing.

Guide us in the path of divine destiny that we may accomplish our highest good.

A Masonic Quartette then sang "O Lord, Behold Me from Thy Throne".

Bro. Sherrill, the City Manager of Cincinnati, gave the address of welcome, in which he said:

The ideals of Masonry are of the most noble and elevating, and no man can be a good Mason without thereby being made a better citizen. The Order in this country has ever been one of the strongest bulwarks of the Nation.

The Brother who responded told the story of the 'Dutchman' who had been elected Alderman, who said:

"Mine Friends and Constituencies, I am so pleased to see so many of you scattered around here this evening, and I want to thank you for being elected to the office of Alderman; and, furthermore, I want to tell you right now that I will do you far better than you have ever been done before." I am applying that to these City Managers, you know.

The Grand Master had much to report and he did it well, describing his duties as profitable and his opportunities for service unlimited.

Membership 198,265. Net increase 4,804, certainly the record for the year.

In a letter to the Grand Lodge, Sir Alfred Robbins of England says:

The warmth of kindness with which we were both received left a very deep impression upon us; and you may be assured that, among the many defects to which I feel I might plead guilty, would not be that of forgetfulness of any friendly feeling displayed toward me.

Twenty-six Grand Masters were present in Chicago at a great conference, fruitful in good results.

The Grand Master emphasizes the "tie that binds" in the following words.

Reverence for law is the strength of free institutions. The test of Democracy will be determined by the capacity of the people to make and obey their own laws. That attitude of mind which supports the habit of law-observing, and that spirit of willingness to abide by the rules of the majority, constitute a greater defense for our freedom than the maintenance of armies and navies.

Masonry has ever stood, and stands to-day, for obedience to law. Law, though imperfect, must be supreme.

And thus pleasantly concludes:

My casket of treasures has been greatly enriched by these agreeable associations and by many happy experiences with the Craft. To-morrow I shall rejoin the ranks. For us as Masons the future is bright with hope. The Book of the Law is our guide, and our faith is great.

Of the Masonic Home the Committee says:

The time is here when we will have to enlarge again in order to accommodate those who are applying for residence in the Home. That, of course, the future will take care of.

The cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Cincinnati was laid by the Grand Master, the cost exceeding \$3,500,000, and over 9,000 Masons marched

over the route. The ceremony, in impressiveness and attendance, probably excelled any previous public Masonic function there.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee reported a difficulty which is a challenge to many of his colleagues in these words:

Many Jurisdictions, of which some were in languages they were unable to decipher or translate. Some of these also were of a character indicating a desire for fraternal recognition by this Grand Lodge. With all due respect to these several Grand Jurisdictions, your Committee feels that lacking sufficient information and knowledge with reference to the character of their organization, their work, and the local conditions surrounding them, no action, in the premises, would better be taken at this time.

The Committee on Necrology philosophically say-

It is well to recall again that the percentage of loss by death in the Masonic order is considerably below the average for the general run of men. And this lowered mortality may justly be attributed to the fact that Masonry attracts the Moral brain and brawn of every community.

Said Lucan, the Roman poet, who lived contemporaneously with Christ, "The gods conceal from man the happiness of death, that they may endure life." To you and me to-day each departed friend is as a magnet to us that attracts us to the next world.

A wonderful survey of Masonic education in Ohio is given a special place in the Proceedings.

They quote from Dr. Joseph Fort Newton these striking words:

The series of questions crack like rifle shots, and they hit the mark, and the reason for the failure is set forth under the preceding points—mistaking ritualism for reality; doing nothing but passing and raising candidates; rendering no sort of service to the community; lack of knowledge of Masonry; failure of fellowship, and the scramble for numbers.

They emphasize the importance of Libraries and give some interesting statistics. Ohio has 35,000 bound volumes, New York 18,000, Massachusetts 35,000, Washington 95,000, Pennsylvania 19,000, North Dakota 22,000, South Dakota 20,000 (well done Dakotas), Los Angeles 14,000, Chicago 10,000. These leaders in thought and literary lore render much useful service.

Twenty-four cornerstones were laid during the year and we wish that we in Canada could have even a quarter of that truly Craft constructive record. They were for Temples, Schools, Hospitals and Churches.

The Sesqui-centennial of American Union Lodge, Marietta, originally organized in Massachusetts 1776, was fittingly observed on St. John's Day.

Splendid engravings of Ohio's Masonic Home with its castellated architecture built on an immutable base, together with many pictures of the life of the children and guests, with music and loyalty as features, adorn the Proceedings. There were 338 guests in 1926.

The Seventh Annual Review of M.W. Bro. O. P. Sperra is prefaced by this verse:

"Make somebody happy to-day.
Each morning that motto repeat,
And life that was gloomy and gray,
Will at once become pleasant and sweet."

Unfortunately Canada does not appear in the list.

District of Columbia as always, furnishes many ideas to our colleagues, among them this application of human history:

When we all heartily espoused the cause of the temperance advocates in breaking up the saloons we did not suspect the wily politician scented an advantage for his votes, even though it punished the multitude of inoffensive plebes, and to-day some of the "dry agents" who benefit by the usufruct are detected, not infrequently, at drinking and smuggling. But they vote. It is hoped that the fanatics who are urging the prohibition of biology in the schools may not be as successful as they were in the other prohibition. Every step in the advancement of science during the last two centuries has been opposed by some religion. Harvey was imprisoned for discovering the circulation of the blood, Gallileo for discovering the first principle of the law of gravitation.

Italy compares favorably with the rest of Europe. Its depression was due to Rome and consequent superstition. Garibaldi was a Mason. Mussolini is not.

Under England he notes that there are 4,105 constituent lodges on the register.

And with regard to systematic black-balling he shares with us all this emphatic declaration:

Within these limits a brother can vote as he pleases. He should not use the blackball wantonly or without some definite reason, and he must not do so merely to gratify some personal resentment or as a means of revenge for some real or supposed grievance. Still less must he do so in order to punish or injure some other Brother or Brethren, or to hinder the progress and prosperity of the lodge. If he so uses the vote, he abuses the right and is guilty of a breach of the trust imposed in him, and so commits a Masonic offence.

A gem of literature and of national feeling is reproduced under Missouri:

"Our professions are of no avail without action, and indifference is one of the most dangerous afflictions of the American people to-day. We profess to love our country and recite the following creed:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

Great is the world's need! All the gifts of might
And power and will to conquer Destiny;
The gifts of service, tolerance, loyalty,
Of strenuous purpose and of honest toil;
Of gladness and good cheer, of merry hearts,
Of knightly zest and gallant bravery;
But most of all, the world has need of Love."

Bro. Sperra's conclusion shows that he marches breast-forward:

Any form of opposition and encroachment is being met with decisive action and followed by commensurate results. Therefore the word "can't" does not appear to be a part of the Masonic vocabulary.

Can't is the word that is foe to ambition,

An enemy ambushed to shatter your will;

Its prey is forever the man with a mission,

And bows but to courage and patience and skill.

Hate it with hatred that's deep and undying,

For once it is welcomed 'twill break any man;

Whatever the goal you are seeking, keep trying
And answer this demon by saying: "I can".

Canada's Grand Representative, F. S. Harmon of Cleveland, was presented at the altar. George Moore of Hamilton, the well beloved, represents Ohio with us.

OKLAHOMA

M.W. Brother Gilbert B. Bristow, Grand Master.

The biography of the new Grand Master Sturgeon and picture precede the Proceedings. Of him it is said:

Brother Sturgeon is a careful, fair-minded man of business, and has achieved success because of his belief that greater and more lasting profits come to him who deals fairly with his fellow man.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication (53rd of Indian Territory) was held at Guthrie, February 23rd, 1926.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters took an active and experienced part in the Proceedings, especially M.W. Bro. Eagleton and M.W. Bro. Humphry.

The address of welcome went much deeper than such addresses usually go. The following paragraphs illustrate.

From its very formation it has always been the blazoner of the path of intellectual enlightenment. It has always urged the moral and mental uplift of all mankind.

To be surrounded by beautiful buildings and architecture for our own satisfaction is not sufficient.

To talk morals or patriotism amounts to but little. These things must be lived to be of benefit.

Canada was represented by Bro. Almer E. Monroney.

The Grand Master in his address said that he had visited 304 Lodges and had travelled nearly 25,000 miles. He says he has been criticized because he avoided the larger places and has been accused of "being afraid of plate glass". His definition of Masonic Service is rather interesting:

I have heard many definitions of "Masonic Service", one of which was, proficiency in the Esoteric work, another, some-

thing that you know less about, after listening two hours to explanation by a learned brother, than you did when he began. The real definition is Masonic Duty.

I wish that every Master Mason in the state could visit our HOME and see how it is managed, and see that it really and truly is just what its name implies—A HOME.

He endorsed the work of the Craftsman's Club at the U.S. Hospital for disabled veterans.

He rules that any Brother can conduct a funeral but the lodge must be regularly opened and closed. He also ruled that if the stiff kneee of an applicant renders him unable to assume all proper positions he is disqualified.

He intends to labour for what he calls "the biggest thing in Masonry"—the Masonic Home.

Membership 69,673. Net gain 3,011.

Grand Lodge appropriated \$5,000 for building a Boy Scouts' Camp.

The Committee on Necrology use this verse:

"Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun,
Thus shall we pass from earth and its toiling,
Only remembered by what we have done.

It was reported to Grand Lodge that the "large and wealthy Lodges" are not doing their part in connection with the George Washington Memorial.

The Eastern Star, as the Committee said, "can never be repaid for the noble work they have done in connection with the Home," which however they intended for the Children only, but some of the aged Masons have been sheltered therein.

The Grand Master having of his own motion, withdrawn Grand Lodge without notice from the Masonic Service Association, which seems to us rather a high-handed action, was the subject of many hours of discussion. The Grand Master was subsequently up-held by a majority but we must confess that the arguments of the minority led by M.W. Bro. Judge Eagleton, appeal to us. Such a despotism in Canada would be impossible.

Grand Orator Rogers delivered a wonderful oration on "Whence came you and whither travelling?". He says:

There is a river in the Great Ocean of Human Intellectual Activity—the Gulf Stream of Freemasonry; it has its origin somewhere in the faint Gray Dawn of Time, and its mouth on the dreamy mystic shores of Eternity.

Come, ye Sons of the Light who seek the Freedom of Man and the Primitive Truth.

America has become the richest and most powerful Nation on earth—the clearing house of the nations, the granary of the World, the hope and inspiration of the race. Yet there are among us blocs, cliques, the foreign groups who seek to destroy nationalism, our national mind, by their disruptive doctrines of Socialism, Communism, Sovietism, Bolshevism, Internationalism, Metropolitanism, Anarchism and their exploded theories of Universal Equality of Man.

M.W. Bro. Humphry receives \$450 for his Report on Foreign Correspondence. He merits it.

Oklahoma is represented by Bro. J. G. Lyddell of Brantford.

Bro. Humphry in his Foreword of his Review says of the K.K.K.:

The K.K.K's that threatened the harmony of the Craft in many Jurisdictions are no longer disturbing any of the Grand Jurisdictions and so far as we can learn have abandoned their false pretensions of claiming to be a part of Masonic Brotherhood, and all of the Grand Lodges agree that the pedal extremity should be placed upon all pretensions that the Kluxers are any part of Masonry.

Canada is fully summarized, our colleague referring to all our activities and to the many matters treated in of the Grand Master's address. He says that a large volume of useful information was given by Bro. "Poin-ton" and reprints a generous excerpt.

Under Connecticut he showed his wide catholicity of spirit by the following comment:

Now Brother Kies you will read in Masonic Publications where they have something to say against the Catholics and thereby create a prejudice against the Catholics, which, according to my way of thinking, is all wrong and un-Masonic. Man has as much right to be a Catholic as I have to be a Methodist.

And also under Kansas:

The Fellowship Forum, like some other publications, appears to believe it is to the interest of the Masonic Fraternity to abuse the Catholic Church.

"The Tall Cedars" off-shoots of which appear to be rooted in Pennsylvania and Oklahoma, creates an interesting discussion and Pennsylvania wondered if it is "one of the higher Degrees of the K.K.K." or whether it is a "near-Masonic" body such as Oklahoma is over-run with.

OREGON

Percy R. Kelly, M.W. Grand Master.

A pleasant portrait and biography of Grand Master Kelly opens the Proceedings. "Give Thy Servant an Understanding Heart" was Solomon's prayer and his biographer records the reception of this blessing by Bro. Kelly.

He has not received the material riches also granted to our Ancient Grand Master, but has reaped a golden harvest in the respect, admiration, friendship and love of every Oregon Mason, a treasure which will not diminish and which can never be taken from him.

Through the days of labor and nights of rest

May the love of sweet Allah make you blest,

So I touch my heart as the Easterns do;

May the peace of Allah abide with you.

The Grand Master's address is given presumably a post of honour before the Transactions of Grand Lodge. From it we take a few illustrative extracts:

You will seek in vain to find in ritual, monitor or other writings; you will seek in vain to find in dollars, dress or display; you will seek in vain to find in form, magnitude or munificence the real, the actual, the genuine essence of true Masonry. It abides only in the hearts and minds of Masons. It is manifested by the life, the work and the character of those who possess it.

When first I came to this Grand Lodge, I thought I discerned here a caste arrogating to itself assumed superiority. I surmised that the Past Grand Masters constituted a hierarchy before whose juggernaut all independence of Masonic thought and action must give way. Wholly refuting this absurd fallacy, I have found the truth to be that all of these brethren whom I know and with whom I have come in contact, who have heretofore presided in the Grand East are simply the embodiment and personification of the true Masonic principle, the principle of seeking how best to serve, how best to agree.

One, who loomed large in this respect and whose genial personality, whose wholesome counsel, whose inspiring ex-

ample and whose rugged probity, have for many years permeated, enlivened and blessed this Grand body, has laid down the working tools of life.

The income from the educational fund has enabled them to assist 95 children of deceased Masons.

An organization is being effected whereby cooperation may be had between the Masonic employment bureaus of the jurisdictions of Washington, Idaho, California and Oregon.

Portland Masons, long, long ago, began building. They have builded not so much of stone and mortar, as of heart, soul and mind. Now, augmenting and representing their spiritual temple, Portland Masonry proposes to build of material substance a structure commensurate with its influence and position in this beautiful metropolis of Oregon.

We are now definitely committed to the work of caring for the children of the craft.

A lodge functions only as a lodge while it is in session. Committees, officers, and individual members of a lodge may accomplish much in and of themselves; but in the last analysis, the lodge itself succeeds or fails in its dissemination of true Masonic light and knowledge by its attendance or the lack of it.

A lodge desiring to raise money to build a Temple proposed to market sets of working tools throughout this and other Jurisdictions. The Grand Master declined to approve.

He also refused to allow the installation on Sunday, 27th December, except in connection with appropriate ceremonies for St. John's Day.

He declined to lay a cornerstone under the following circumstances:

I declined to convene a communication of the Grand Lodge to conduct the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Southern Oregon Normal school building at a time when a Shrine ceremonial was scheduled to take place. My position was that the two activities are of such a different character that different dates should be assigned to them respectively.

He thus closes a very comprehensive address:

The Masonic order is a society of friends and brothers. With Meredith, I believe:

Ay, there are some good things in life that fall not away with the rest;

And of all best things on earth, I hold that a faithful friend is the best.

There never was any man yet as I ween, be he who-soever he may,
That has known what a true friend is, and wished that knowledge away.

The Grand Orator was really eloquent, saying:

Why has the Masonic institution survived?

By the Masonic institution, I do not mean the great moral principles inculcated by the order, for they are the heritage of the ages, coeval with civilization and can perish only with civilization. Nor do I refer to the history of its symbolism, for that has been the common property of many institutions; Egyptian priests and British Druids employed like symbols to teach like truths. I mean the institution as we know it—demonstrated by authentic history, a philosophic society based upon an operative art, bound together by the ties of solemn obligations into lodges governed by Masters and Wardens, with carefully guarded modes of recognition.

So defined, and disregarding for this purpose the traditions which connect it with a remoter antiquity, it had its beginnings in the dark days of the Middle Ages, spreading from England, Scotland, France and Germany, throughout all Europe, and following the streams of North European, and especially of Anglo-Saxon, civilization, into all the corners of the world.

Fitness is the essence of life. This, and nothing more than this, is meant by the "survival of the fittest."

But Gothic architecture possesses yet a higher nobility as an index of the manhood of the workman. Men were not intended to work with the accuracy of tools, to be precise and perfect in all their actions. If you will make a man of the working creature, you cannot make a tool. Let him but begin to imagine, to think, to try to do anything worth doing, and the engine-turned precision is lost at once, but out comes the whole majesty of him.

Go forth again to gaze upon the old cathedral front.

No architecture can be truly noble which is not imperfect. Imperfection is the sign of life. Nothing that lives is or can be rigidly perfect.

The Seventy-sixth Communication was held in Portland, June 16th, 1926. Seventeen Past Grand Masters supported and adorned the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the Roll.

In his welcome to the Grand Representatives the G.M. pointed out that they illustrated the universality of Masonry.

Membership 28,969. Net gain 933.

Bro. Wright is thanked for translating numerous letters coming from Foreign Countries.

Five Brethren from Ontario were served either by relief or otherwise during the year by Oregon's Committee.

The new Home for Children is rapidly approaching completion.

The Committee on Education say:

Too much help destroys initiative and prevents the attainment of the objective desired.

The presentation of Bibles was left to the discretion of individual lodges but was commended.

8 members from Ontario received courtesies from Oregon.

The Wayfarers' Club of Arizona presented a most appealing memorial.

During the discussion of child welfare Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment to receive a visiting Committee from the Order of the Eastern Star. One of the visitors said:

Our Grand Matron adopted the motto of "Service above Self," and we are working to that end with all our energies to secure money to furnish the children's cottage. We have something over five thousand dollars.

The Committee on Necrology quote this:

Time is eternity broken off at both ends.

Grand Chaplain Bell was re-elected for the 51st time, certainly a splendid record for the pilot of the Craft.

From the Committee on Child Welfare we take this paragraph:

The purpose of this report is to make possible an organization, yes, organizations, whereby the brother who is sitting on the side lines may take part in some organized Masonic work. Now that work is of great importance. If I understand Masonry aright, it is an affirmative answer to that age-old question: Am I my brother's keeper?

Kenneth J. Dunstan, our present Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter, represents Oregon in Toronto and does it well.

The Correspondence Report is in the able hands of M.W. Bro. David P. Mason, P.G.M. who in his introduction gives the following food for thought.

The principles on which Freemasonry was founded came from the Hebrews, that unique nation whose history is an epic one.

It is singular, and remarkable, that the traditions of our craft originated from the Hebrew fathers who were a spiritual and democratic people, believing in the God to whom we pay allegiance to-day.

In the Commonwealth of the Hebrews, all authority for law was from God and not from military or temporal power, and all Hebraic statutes were binding upon all and for the advantages of all.

The history of our civilized world has been that of the conflict between the principles of the ancient Hebraic democracy and those of pagan imperialism.

The craft "marches breast forward" steadily and surely into new conditions and duties guided by eternal principles.

Under Arkansas he says with regard to the Grand Orator's address:

The speaker referred to the ritual of Masonry as a classic. We would like to use the same term to describe his oration. May his vision as expressed in this conclusion soon become a reality:

The Mission of Masonry! Aye, when the spirit of that mission has its way upon earth, as at last it surely will, society will be a vast communion of kindness and justice, business a system of human service, law a rule of beneficence.

Under Maine we find this nugget:

Indeed, there is no more wholesome, tonic thing for us to do, if we believe that we have fallen upon evil times, than to open our history, or to open the Great Light of our Masonic institution and heed the words of the wise King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 7:10): "Say not thou what is the cause that the former days were better than these; for thou doest not consider wisely, concerning this."

Reporting on Bro. Smart of Tennessee he says:

He took up the unfinished task of writing a correspondence report. This he did in the record time of about six weeks. It was an almost overwhelming task. No wonder that he says he "got paper in a blink, and down gazed stumple in the ink." However, the stupefaction didn't last long.

His review of Canada is ample and of course fraternal. He refers to our cornerstones, to Bro.

Adam Brown, "a private in the ranks", to Hamilton being the birthplace of Grand Lodge and speaks with regard to the veteran Rulers of the Craft, and of our review as able and interesting. Oregon we thank you.

We cull this from Scotland's happy review:

There was a toast to daughter lodges though why subordinate lodges and Grand jurisdictions in an order exclusively for men should be "daughter and sister" is hard to explain.

The Grand Master's table was tastefully decorated with chinchinchee flowers kindly sent by a brother in Cape Town, South Africa.

The world-wide connections of British Grand Lodges are of keen interest.

With this verse under Manitoba we made a fitting close:

In our halls is hung
Armoury of the invincible knights of old:
We must be free or die who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spake; the faith and morals hold
Which Milton held.

PENNSYLVANIA

R.W. Brother William M. Hamilton, Grand Master.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Philadelphia, March 3, 1926. It will be noted that the Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction do not assume the title of Most Worshipful.

The Committee on Finance report more benevolent bequests and devises for the various Homes and Hospitals so generously supported by Pennsylvania. One of \$5,000 is casually mentioned and another of \$50,000 as though it were an every day affair. We know no Jurisdiction in the world in which such philanthropic generosity is displayed by testators—Pennsylvania is *facile princeps*.

Membership 204,048. Net increase 4,247.

Quarterly Communication held June 2nd, 1926. More devises are reported and In Memoriam tributes are paid.

Quarterly Communication held September 1, 1926. Mrs. Schroyer bequeathed one-third of the net proceeds

of her estate to be used in the discretion of the Committee for the same purpose as the bequest given them by her late husband.

Quarterly Communication held December 1, 1926, the initial proceeding being described as follows:

This being the time prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon for the annual election of Grand Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes, to serve during the ensuing Masonic year beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Grand Master appointed tellers, who reported the following brethren duly elected:

R.W. Grand Master, Brother William M. Hamilton.

R.W. Grand Secretary, Brother John A. Perry.

A full report was made of the Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, a very large endowment administered by Trustees. The total investments of the Krug bequest amount to nearly \$170,000 and they have also land valued at \$15,000. We note the Chairman is Thomas McConnell, Jr., so well known to members of the Royal Craft.

Total investments of Masonic Homes Endowment Fund amount to \$412,000.

The Committee on Appeals thus report and it was adopted, showing how mercy tempers justice in favour of the truly repentent:

The lodge investigated the facts and found the petitioner had led a sober and exemplary life since the suspension, was of the opinion he had been sufficiently punished and unanimously requested Grand Lodge to remove the suspension and restore the petitioner to good Masonic standing.

Your Committee are of the unanimous opinion that Bro. D. A. McC. has been sufficiently punished and is now under the tongue of good Masonic report.

The Committee on the Temple give some interesting statistics. A visit to it is both educational and inspirational:

Forty-one thousand six hundred and six guests were conducted by guides through the Temple from May 31 to November 15, 1926. Our visiting brethren and their families and friends were most enthusiastic about the beauties of our Temple, pronouncing it the most costly and magnificent building, devoted to Masonic purposes, it had ever been their pleasure to visit.

550 volumes were added to the library and many articles to the museum of great value.

The Committee on Homes say:

As the years come and go, the extended system of love and benevolence reflected in the life at your Home at Elizabethtown is becoming so generally known, that the Committee appreciates there is little to be added other than keep you informed of the current activities.

The aim and purpose of the Committee still continue to be along the line of your desire; to administer comfort and consolation to those guests—the aged, the afflicted, the sick, and the orphan, placed in its charge.

George B. Orlady, P.G.M. is universally regretted. From his scholarly and splendid address when he laid the corner-stone of the Home in 1911, this extract is taken:

“We will make our offering of home gifts and hearthstone blessings to good men, women and children as the speaking monument of our Fraternity, where ‘we will pour holy oil on hearts that weep, to put a clearer radiance into saddened eyes, and set grieved hearts a-singing toward the skies’.

‘Be this our lesson our whole lives through,
In what measure ye mete, be it meted to you’.

“And when the eternal shadows overwhelm our Guests, and they close their eyes forever in this Freemasons’ Home, we will lay them to final rest with our beautiful lodge service, in the God’s Acre of our village.”

The Annual Grand Communication was held on St. John’s Day, December 27th, 1926.

The Grand Master delivered what we always expect from Pennsylvania, an able and comprehensive address. He says:

We have “pursued the even tenor of our ways” rejoicing that the teachings of Freemasonry have been so firmly implanted in the hearts of its followers, that neither envy, discord, nor confusion is permitted to interrupt the universal peace and tranquillity which pervades in all of its deliberations.

With regard to the haste to initiate petitioners he thus comments:

Such conditions are not entirely new, but the departures from the proper decorum have, heretofore, been so few in number that an occasional word of caution has seemed a sufficient remedy.

These practices have largely fallen into disuse, but the one of most frequent occurrence, that of having a petitioner in waiting while action is being had on his petition, still persists.

It is considered sufficient for the District Deputy Grand Masters to direct their lodges that a petitioner is not to be initiated on the date of the approval of his petition.

He reports the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel as progressing satisfactorily, a worthy monument to a worthy man.

Of Appendant Organizations he says:

Cases, some of them of a degrading nature, are now under investigation, which, being of wide notoriety, inevitably tend to bring the Fraternity into disrepute, in many minds, while others, based on differences existing within the offending organizations themselves, are considered and are widely quoted as 'quarrels among the Masons,' which will also tend to the establishment of erroneous opinions regarding the Craft.

The suggestions of Grand Master Goodyear, in his address of a year ago, that the time had come when the privilege of accepting membership in organizations of this character which may hereafter be established, should be denied to the brethren, is being given careful consideration, and will probably come before Grand Lodge in the form of a report from the Committee on Landmarks, to which Committee the question will be referred.

He discountenances electioneering and directs that any officer guilty shall not be installed.

There is a clandestine organization styling itself "Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania" against which an injunction is sought by the Courts and the Brethren are warned.

We regret that Pennsylvania has severed its connection with the Masonic Service Association but the last clause of the following excerpt shows that they may return:

The outcome of our negotiations with the Association is a matter of sincere regret. There is need for an association of Grand Lodges, conducted on the lines as originally devised, and none would be stronger in its support, if so conducted, than this Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge will welcome the time, as undoubtedly will numbers of our sister Grand Lodges, when, recognizing the situation the Association will return to a simple, easily-workable program, in which every Grand Lodge in the Union may have an active part, to the lasting benefit of the Craft.

Among his decisions are the following:

Decided that no song sheets can be used at Masonic banquets with any advertisement thereon.

Decided that a Worshipful Master of a lodge removed by a Grand Master is not entitled to any recognition or privileges as a Past Master by service, and that his name must not be included as such in any record of the lodge.

Lodge notices are confidential communications between a lodge and its members and must be treated as such. Any misuse of them for business purposes by either the member who originally receives it or a representative of a commercial concern will be made the subject of Masonic charges.

We note among the Officers in addition to those already mentioned the well known names of Beitler, Watres, Goodyear, Quinby, and Darrow.

The late Judge Orlady received another In Memoriam tribute in which it is said in noble and unusual words:

Throughout his career as a judge he possessed and exercised in a marked degree the four qualifications which Socrates said should belong to a judge:

"To hear courteously; to answer wisely; to consider soberly; and to decide impartially."

"Still as the silver cord gets worn and slender,
Its lightened task-work tugs with lessening strain,
Hands get more helpful, voices, grown more tender,
Sooth with their softened tones the tired brain.

"So when the iron portal shuts behind us,
And life forgets us in its noise and whirl,
Visions that shunned the glaring noonday find us,
And glimmering starlight shows the gates of pearl."

These are the qualities which were deeply rooted in the very fibre of his heart and "Out of the heart are the issues of life."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Christian W. Rosenstock, Grand Master.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication was held in Manila, 26th January, 1926.

Membership 6,837. Net gain 49. Lodges 99.

Eight Past Grand Masters brought with them their working tools of experience.

Many Grand Representatives, more than in any other Jurisdiction that we have reviewed, were assembled before the Grand East, including the Representative of Canada, Quintin Paredes.

From the Grand Master's comprehensive message we take these paragraphs:

I can truthfully say to you that the Brethren of the Philippines have demonstrated to me that Masonry is friendship.

The lodges are located all over the Islands, from Aparri in the northern part of Luzon to Davao, on the southern coast of Mindanao, a distance of one thousand five hundred sixty-eight miles.

Not many years ago, a Masonic Lodge was looked upon with much distrust by many residents of this country, owing to the antagonism of Church and State in days gone by. This feeling continued during many years, especially among the women, who were more under the influence of the clergy than the men, and for a time many of our brothers had their troubles and found it hard to convince their wives, sisters, mothers and daughters, that Masons are really human beings, working for the general good of humanity, and not demons, with the single purpose to destroy order and authority and to kill the Church. Our friends in America and other Occidental countries would hardly believe the many amusing things that were told about Masons in the Philippines in the days of yore. Many of our older brothers assembled here today will, no doubt, recall personal experiences with the female members of their families. All this, I am pleased to say, is fast becoming a thing of the past. Many of our lodges are now holding public installations.

On one of my visitations to a lodge on the Island of Negros, I found that the brethren have made their lodge a real influence in that community. The members of that lodge are leaders in civic activities in which men and women of all religions and nationalities participate. These brethren are paying the salaries of two school teachers, supporting several orphans, assisting in the support of a maternity hospital, and giving up part of their Temple for a school room.

The Grand Lodge was organized in Manila in 1912. Twenty-nine lodges previously working under the Spanish Grand Orient were chartered in 1917, giving the majority of the membership in this Grand Lodge to Filipino Masons.

When you think of this substantial development of an organized society of friends and brothers of different nationalities, sects and opinions, you will realize, in a small degree at least, what Masonry is doing in the Philippine Islands.

The Grand Master laid the cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple in one of the Island Provinces.

Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Hospital for crippled children.

The Grand Master further says:

We have been recognized by all of the generally considered regular Grand Lodges in the world. Each year a

number of Grand Lodges are attaining that standard of Masonry which will enable us with propriety to recognize them or accept their recognition.

It has been the policy of this Grand Lodge to be in friendly relations with every Grand Lodge which has demonstrated itself to be strictly and legally a Grand Lodge with full acceptance of belief in God, use of the Bible, belief in immortality, and freedom from domination by any other body.

With regard to the word "profane" the Committee subsequently approved of this recommendation but point out that it was of universal employment in the past:

Resolved, That the use of the word "Profane" in either English, or Spanish, when reference is made to persons not Masons, has no proper place in modern Masonry, and is hereby condemned and prohibited.

Of Clandestine Masonry the G.M. thus speaks:

I wish I could report to you to-day that clandestine Masonry is a thing of the past in the Philippines.

The "deserters from our temples" who organized themselves into clandestine lodges, and then into a so-called grand lodge are still working in the Philippine Islands. The leaders of these clandestine bodies have quarrelled among themselves, and a second spurious grand lodge has been formed by some of the deserters from the first one, and, if we wait long enough, we may see still more grand lodges formed by these unfortunate men who do not seem to be satisfied with anything, even with themselves.

The proposed Shrine Ceremonial to be held by invading Shriners from U.S.A. contrary to an Edict against the Shrine because they would not admit Filipinos, though regular members, is protested against.

The Home Fund and Home School are reported as in a prosperous condition and the publication of the "Cabletow" is described as a credit to the Fraternity.

The presentation of Bibles to newly obligated members is thus described:

This "Masonic Father" presents the Bible to the candidate, and the Worshipful Master, in addressing the candidate, informs him that his "Masonic Father" will make it his duty to see that the candidate becomes proficient in the lecture and obligations of the Third Degree, and will instruct him so that he may be able to answer all questions properly when applying for admission into a regular lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction.

The "Masonic Father" then addresses his "Masonic Son," closing his remarks usually as follows:

"As a memento of this occasion, accept from me this Volume of the Sacred Law, which rested upon the Altar when you took the solemn obligation of a Master Mason, and on the fly-leaf of which is inscribed your Masonic history. This book is the Great Light of Masonry and it will teach you the duty you owe to God, your neighbor and yourself. Follow its precepts, that you may be a true and worthy Mason, and may it always be a pleasant reminder to you of one of the greatest moments of your life.

All secret work is ordered to be surrendered for immediate destruction.

The Grand Master thus concludes:

Be faithful, be just, be true.

The Grand Secretary branches out beyond the financial and ends his report as follows:

Our reward, which is the love and esteem of the Brethren, is a great recompense for the mite of service it has been our pleasure to render the grand Fraternity of which we are so proud of being members.

"The work is hard and the days are long,
But hammers are tools for men,
And granite endures and steel is strong,
Outliving both brush and pen,
And ages after my voice is stilled,
Men shall know I lived by the things I build."

In the Grand Lecturer's able summary of the year's work we find this rallying call:

Our ceremonies are not meaningless and should never be formal or perfunctory. There is spirit and power in them. It is the spirit of Divine Truth and Divine Power that inspires us.

In some lodges there has been a relaxation of vigilance. Some officers lack personal magnetism. They are careless in exemplification of the work, disregard the importance of punctuality in meetings and general looseness prevails. They do not maintain the dignity of, or the decorum so essential in a lodge. It has the effect of estranging strong members, failing to attract strong men who should be members and consequently sub-standard material may creep into the fraternity.

"COHESION" covers it all! The successful man in business is he who brings sunshine and happiness into the lives of others. And thus it is with the Master of the lodge. Where real peace and harmony prevails, there you will find a successful administration, and the Master reigns.

The Master who gains the friendship, not only of his line officers, but of the rank and file, will never be annoyed by a slim attendance.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously by Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands should show their loyalty to this Grand Lodge by not taking the degrees of the Mystic Shrine in the proposed ceremonial in Manila in February.

F. A. Delgado, the Grand Master-elect, delivered an able address from which we take a paragraph:

It takes in men of the various walks of life and it prepares them morally and intellectually, thus making of rough ashlers perfect stones fit (in their various stations) to form and adorn the structure of human society.

On the In Memoriam page we find this verse:

Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary,
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;
All journeys end in welcome to the weary.
And Heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.

Walter M. Ross represents The Philippine Islands near Canada.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by George R. Harvey, who in his introduction says:

More interest is being manifested from year to year in the study side of Masonry. It is becoming more and more apparent that Masonry is not a mutual benefit society, but is a mode of life, a school of instruction, and a brotherhood whose purpose is to make good men better and to injure no man.

Action is still being taken by Grand Lodges against the so-called "parasitic growths" which depend for their existence and nourishment upon Ancient Craft Masonry.

Under Colorado the Reviewer thus comments:

The Grand Master declined the unusual request to lay a monument marking an important point of departure in a public highway. It seemed to him that as road construction was not one of the historic functions of Masonry, a road-marker, dignified and beautiful though it may be, was not quite the proper subject of the Masonic ceremonial.

This Grand Lodge prohibits members of lodges under its jurisdiction from becoming members, by petition or otherwise, of the so-called Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (Grotto).

Under New Hampshire's review we find:

The Grand Secretary says that it isn't a scrap book of excerpts made with scissors and a jar of paste, but that every word of it is written out; that it represents hours of good hard work; that a man might spend eight hours a day for three months and then not do the job too well.

New Zealand has this reference:

It appears that in New Zealand the nomination for the office of Grand Master is made by the individual lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Vienna is fully reviewed and if the spirit of that Grand Lodge is truly reflected in the comments and extracts made, then the Grand Lodge of Vienna should be ripe for recognition at an early date. From a fine oration of Bro. Bela entitled "Preparation for Democracy" these sentences teach much:

Everybody for himself, nobody for all—had become the general slogan.

The community spirit had received a fatal blow.

The ideal of Freemasonry "Peace on earth and good will toward all men" seemed to have been lost beyond redemption.

And yet it lived! It had not perished in the general disaster: it rose victorious above it! The war had reduced Freemasonry in Vienna to ashes, but from these ashes it came forth in rejuvenated brilliancy and the revolution resulted in the birth of the Grand Lodge of Vienna, champion and protector of that ideal.

From a merely tolerated benevolent society under government surveillance—nominal perhaps, but existing, nevertheless—it has grown into an association that can openly and freely profess the loftiest thought of humanity.

And that lofty thought is ideal democracy.

Canada is not reviewed and we regret it. We can learn much from our southern friends and Brethren of the Philippine Islands.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

John Francis Martin, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication was held at Charlottetown, June 23rd, 1926.

Seven Past Grand Masters were loyally in attendance. Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to the roll call when they were welcomed at the altar.

The Grand Master's address is of much interest and from it we take the following paragraphs:

I found the lodges in a prosperous and healthy condition and though a lull might be anticipated after the excitement connected with the celebration of our semi-centennial celebration last year, it is pleasing to find that we have made a net gain this year in our membership.

I have had no official decisions to render. This satisfactory condition has been in no small measure due to the diligence and tact of our very efficient R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Kemp, who keeps such a watchful eye upon the compass and sees that the work of his highly important office is always done in ship shape. All the mercies and benefits have come from His bountiful hand to our lovely Island home during the year that is past. We have had peace within our borders and plenty in our stores.

In observing the state of society around us we see much to be regretted. We deplore the disregard for law and the decadence of morality noticeable in too many instances.

Is there no way in which we as Masons can help the youth of our land escape the snares and allurements which encounter them on every hand?

He then refers to De Molay as a possible answer to his question and says in appointing the Committee for the purpose of investigating:

If it would be the means of helping young men to form habits of virtue and correct living and grow up to manhood in decency of conduct, it seems to me we should give it our countenance.

Of those who have answered the last roll call he quotes:

Life's battles fought; life's duties done,
Their faults forgot, their work confessed,
So let them sleep, that dreamless sleep,
Our sorrows clustering round their heads;
Be comforted, ye loved who weep,
They live with God. They are not dead.

The G.M. thus concludes his address:

If my good wishes to you all could be realized you would be blessed indeed, and as true happiness cannot exist without a good conscience it is my hope that you may keep your's clear by living lives in conformity with the principles of Masonry which you have embraced and pledged yourselves to maintain.

Membership 1,177. Net gain 8.

The Benevolent Fund Trustees report the payment of the \$2,000 bequeathed to them by the late Hon. John Yeo, P.G.M.

The Grand Lecturer truly says:

It requires constant attention to detail and expression to fully bring out the great beauty that is in Masonic Ritual.

The Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba speaks of hearing a splendid address there from our own Grand Master Rowland.

Details of meetings and dates of Bodies exclusively of Masons are printed in a most interesting and informative way.

Roy C. McLean of Souris represents Canada, and Thomas Rowe of London, now Hamilton, represents Prince Edward Island.

There is no Correspondence Report.

M.W. John M. Nicholson, Grand Master.

R.W. Ernest Kemp, Grand Secretary, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC

William J. Ewing, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Montreal, 10th February, 1926.

Eleven Past Grand Masters supported and adorned the East.

Canada was represented by M.W. Bro. J. A. Cameron.

The Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Grand Master Rowland were cordially welcomed.

The Grand Master in his address congratulated M.W. Bro. Chambers upon his restoration to health and strength.

We do not like to reproduce this record but our Review must reflect conditions as they exist. We hope that Quebec will join us soon in believing that ours is a Temple not made with hands:

It has been my painful duty to refuse to grant two dispensations to initiate candidates, who had not the necessary physical qualifications required by our Ritual.

While I was assured that they possessed the moral and mental qualifications required by us, yet I feel that we cannot lower the physical standard, without danger of having the moral and mental standards lowered.

With regard to the formation of Transportation Lodge the Grand Master says:

This new lodge aims to bring into its membership the large number of unaffiliated Masons who are employed by the various Transportation Companies in the City of Montreal, and if successful, will amply justify its existence.

He describes vividly the dedication of the Shriners' Hospital at which 2,000 Shriners were present, adding:

It can truthfully be said, that they took Montreal by storm, and captured the city for the day.

As to the new Temple and the progress made he reports:

The continued depression in our midst has been an important factor to the success of the enterprise, but it is satisfactory to learn, that over sixty per cent. of the promised subscriptions of about \$750,000 have been paid.

Masonry is but a form of Service, and should be judged, not so much by the progress it is making, either numerically or financially, as by the amount of Service it is rendering, 1st, to those composing its membership, 2nd, to the community in which it is placed, and 3rd, to mankind in general.

The Grand Chaplain's notable address was delivered by D.G.C. G. Abbott Smith and was entitled "Builders of Destiny". The thoughts and language are so striking that we reproduce as much as possible with the hope that the whole address will be printed in pamphlet form for general distribution:

For that is the primary, basic and essential idea of a Mason. He is a builder.

As such, he has as his supreme archetype the great Architect of the Universe—the primal cause of that vast structure whose builder and maker is God.

As his heritage and his inspiration, he has the imperishable achievements of those ancient operative masons whose work, through almost innumerable centuries, has withstood the destructive hands of man and the persistent ravages of time.

How large the work of the mason bulks in the picturesque legends and folk-lore of pre-historic times.

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Otherwise than in co-operation with him, "it is lost labour that ye rise up early and go late to rest and eat the bread of carefulness."

The finest definition that has ever been given of God is found in the second covenant of the Sacred Law. "God is love." observe, it is a definition. "God is love." Love is not simply His Attribute. It is himself. And the roots of that conception strike deep into the soil of the older covenant as well. It is to an ancient teacher of Israel—the prophet Hosea—that we owe the first plain and simple exposition of the truth that God is love. "When Israel was a child, then I loved him." "I will heal their back-sliding. I will love them freely." "I drew them with the cords of a man, with bands of love." God's love for man, man's love for his brother, these form the lesson characteristics of Hosea.

In the exercise of our Masonic art, we, too, are engaged in building a Temple of Entrance which is designed to lead to a still more glorious shrine.

Build wisely, then, ye master builders. Seek to erect in this land we love a home for the souls of men which will help to prepare them to enter, at the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, when the time of the great adventure shall have come for each, within those wider portals which admit to the Grand Lodge above.

Grand Secretary Williamson reported membership as 14,152 with a fine net increase of 454.

He spoke enthusiastically of his visit to us at Hamilton and with M.W. Bro. Shatford to Boston.

The sentence of expulsion passed on Bro. Goodkowsky in 1905 was with the consent of Maine revoked and Coeurs Unis Lodge was instructed to reinscribe his name on the roll.

The Committee on the State of Masonry report a deplorable amount of arrears of dues. We too must confess the same.

At the meeting reviewed the late R W. Bro. Thomas Shanks of Ottawa, was Quebec's Grand

Representative with us. The Craft lost in him a pillar, a column and an ornament.

Grand Master's Rulings from 1906 are reported. From them we quote the following.

No brother below the rank of Master Mason is eligible for office in a lodge.

At the examination of a visitor, the Tyler's oath should be administered after the examination and not before.

No member can take part in an organization that seeks to build on, or ally itself to, Freemasonry in this Province and not recognized by this Grand Lodge, nor can a member of another jurisdiction take part while residing in this jurisdiction and subject to our rules and regulations.

For the thirty-ninth consecutive time M.W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers submits his annual review and it is in every way worthy of the man and of the Jurisdiction which honours him and is honoured thereby. From his introduction we take these sentences:

That Freemasonry remains true to her mission of the moral betterment, not only of her initiates, but also of the world at large, needs no further evidence than that supplied by the lives of her representative men and the teachings and conduct of her recognized leaders.

No bodies or members of the Craft anywhere can drift away from its tenets without placing themselves completely without its pale. A striking illustration of this fact is furnished by the Grand Orient of Belgium.

Even from unhappy Ireland, during these recent years of her terrible stress and strain, there are records of almost unprecedented Masonic progress and recovery.

The Grand Lodge of England has experienced such remarkable growth and prosperity that the number of lodges upon its roll is within forty of four thousand, of which nine hundred are in London, 2,300 in other parts of England and seven hundred overseas.

In New South Wales during the last nine years, no less a sum than £360,000 sterling has been subscribed for the erection of Masonic Temples.

The donors in all these cases appear to have caught the true meaning of Masonry and of its teachings.

Under British Columbia he says and quotes:

The following paragraphs fully express our own views of the matter complained of:

It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers that in the past few years new societies, or associations or orders

based upon or claiming connection with Masonry have been established in the republic to the South of us with a prodigality rivalling France in the eighteenth century.

Canada is comprehensively considered and the salient features reproduced.

He kindly speaks of our review as one of the best of the year and quotes at length.

Under Missouri he finds matter to his and our liking:

Of M. W. Bro. Shatford's Address to Grand Lodge he says:

"One of the finest heart-to-heart unveilings of a true Mason that we have ever read."

He generously gives also a five-page quotation from the eloquent address delivered by District Grand Chaplain, Rabbi M. J. Merritt, on "Israel and Masonry," and praises these remarkable oratorical efforts.

In speaking of the wonderful philanthropy of Pennsylvania all moving towards their splendid Homes and Temples, he thus records the accomplishment of Allentown alone:

The fund for this splendid undertaking amounts to approximately \$525,000.00, and represents the voluntary gifts of the good Brethren of that city, which their loyalty and devotion to their Fraternity prompted them to lay upon the altar of Freemasonry.

Under Wyoming he makes these references:

While almost every Mason has knowledge of the splendid institutional charity of the Craft in our larger jurisdictions, it is not perhaps so well understood how much quiet charity is doing for needy or distressed Brethren or other dependents in the smaller jurisdictions that cannot boast of Masonic Homes or Asylums.

Many of us are drifting too far away from that Good Book that lies upon our Altars.

Our veteran and venerable colleague has the great art of concentration acquired by experience and the tactus peritus, the discriminating touch.

QUEENSLAND

As this Report closes, I have not yet received the Proceedings of this Australian Jurisdiction. I reviewed two years together last year, and my successor will next year probably have the same privilege. We are much interested in the endeavour of the Brethren and Companions to conciliate the differences between the Jurisdictions of the Craft and Royal Craft, under the Southern Cross.

RHODE ISLAND

M.W. Bro. Howard Knight, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, opened in ample form in Providence, November 16th, 1925, at the Semi-annual Communication.

The Grand Master delivered a brief address:

No member or group of members has any more rights in Grand Lodge than any other member or group.

In other words we are meeting in this assembly upon the level and every man is entitled to his opinion

I want to remind you that this Grand Body is supreme and whatever this Grand Body decides is our Masonic law and that law or will or pleasure will be enforced

From the report of the Finance Committee:

Does it not tell us that more thought should be given to this feature which is one of the pillars of our institution?

An examination of the receipts and disbursements data shows that while \$29,345.82 was paid for refreshments, but \$11,290.73 was disbursed for charity

The data shows that of the forty lodges in this jurisdiction, but eleven bond their officers handling funds. One of these lodges has more than \$50,000 in cash and securities

Fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France were discontinued and the Commission revoked.

The Junior Warden made charges against a brother whose name is not given. Accused was found guilty and the Committee say "we fix the penalty as expulsion".

The devise of land by the late Bro. Hazard for the purpose of a Home for Rhode Island was conditionally accepted.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication was held in Providence, May 17th, 1926, with distinguished visitors present from Maine, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Grand Master Howard Knight brings to bear an active, alert and organizing mind. His address bristles with suggestions and it is not his fault—as a great administrator if the affairs of Grand Lodge are not conducted “decently and in order”.

To be specific, my efforts were directed as follows:

First, Toward correcting the financial situation .

Second, Toward details of Grand Lodge organization

Third, Toward adequate supervision of Subordinate lodges without unnecessary interference

Fourth, Toward promoting the doctrine of Universality in Freemasonry and not confine the interests of Grand Lodge to the borders of our Grand Jurisdiction

He is grateful for co-operation and says that leadership under such conditions was never work but always pleasure.

He gives a page of definite and positive instructions to the Investigating Committee, of whom he says on this vital and fundamental subject:

I found that there has been considerable laxness on the part of Investigating Committees, and as evidenced in part of this report, I feel that these instructions were needed and I have suggested to the Committee on the Revision of the Trestleboard that these or similar instructions be printed therein.

He outlines the procedure for examination and introduction of visitors as follows:

The keynote of the procedure of examination is that it is a conference of brethren, in which two groups, one, of one member and one, of two, each satisfy each other of their mutual brotherhood. The instant the examining committee is satisfied that the visitor is a regular mason, in good standing, courtesy, brotherly regard, and good manners require that they should say so, and introduce him to the Master

Charity of thought, toleration, kindness and courtesy, are all Masonic virtues, and there is no better place where

they can be practised, than at the door of your Masonic home, for the benefit of the stranger who would refresh himself at your altar.

The visitor having applied for examination, the Junior Warden will appoint a committee of not less than two brethren, who will provide themselves with the Holy Bible, Square, Compasses, and Apron and proceed to the examining room with the visitor. They will request him to sign his name, together with the name of his lodge on a card provided for that purpose, and then ask for his credentials for comparison, first satisfying themselves that such credentials as he may present are from a lodge within a Grand Jurisdiction that is recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee, together with the visitor shall then place their right hand on the open Bible and repeat together the Tyler's Oath.

Under the auspices of the Campaign Committee for the new Masonic Temple the lodges of the State met on Sunday, May 2nd, The description follows, and we add that it seems to be quite a common thing in the U.S.A. to have the Knights Templar escort the Craft Lodges and Royal Craft Chapters on such occasions:

There was a large turnout of the Masons of the State and the parade was beautifully managed, and the solemnity of the occasion was excellently demonstrated in the conservative way in which every brother bore himself throughout the line of march.

Grand Lodge Officers turned out in full regalia and marched in the procession.

Grand Lodge was escorted by Saint Johns Commandery to whom I have already expressed my appreciation of their courtesy.

Of Grand Representatives the G.M. says:

If our Representative near other Grand Bodies is to have an interest in our proceedings and be of service to us, it is necessary that we should forward our proceedings to him direct.

He strongly recommends (and gives his reasons) that the future Grand Master should hold office for two years, as is our custom here.

On his recommendation Grand Lodge made the invitation to a preliminary dinner, of Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions a fixed annual event.

In his opinion there are two kinds of education and two kinds of men to be educated:

I have a very high regard for education. I regard education as necessary for our economic, political and social welfare. But while I believe in it I insist upon reason in practice. Now while this Masonic Education is of value to the student of Masonry, the number of students in any line are limited—even students of the various vocations by which our brethren earn their daily bread are few.

The efforts of the Association are devoted to publications with the production of a few exceptional features such as stereopticon lanterns. The use of the last of which, if adapted to degree work, is prohibited in this Grand Jurisdiction.

He believes in forms and living up to them:

It is my contention that if the form of ceremony and installation in the subordinate lodges is a matter of strict observance, the supreme body should not be lax in its own ceremony.

His closing sentences are:

Brethren, the last chapter is finished. Hopes fade from the future. The effort expended is all that counted and that is a matter of record. I have endeavored to solve some problems which we all recognize should have been solved long ago.

I appreciate that I shall be criticized, and that I may be commended, for my work, but whether praised or blamed, I trust it may be said of me that, as Grand Master, I worked industriously and honestly, fairly and fearlessly, in the interests, as I saw them, of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

The seven D.D.G.M's make full reports.

Canada was not represented by her Grand Representative.

This reviewer recognizes many personally familiar names as Knight, Solomon, Penrose Williams, Scott, Abbott and others who extended to him most courteous hospitality in the good old days.

Members 18,058. Net increase 435.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence do not review each Jurisdiction but make a report in which they say:

A perusal of the Proceedings of these Grand Bodies gives one the impression of the existence of a general condition of fraternal peace and prosperity.

Canada is represented by Clarence B. Bearce, and J. F. Reid, M.L.A. of Windsor, represents Rhode Island here.

SASKATCHEWAN

M.W. Gilbert Swain, Grand Master.

The Twentieth Annual Communication convened in the City Hall, Regina, June 16th, 1926. Nine Past Grand Masters set an example of fidelity to duty.

M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell, an old friend, represented Canada.

On the title page of the Proceedings we find this definite distinct and beneficial edict:

It is an instruction of the Board of General Purposes that on receipt of this copy the W.M. arrange to have the Address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the lodge is situated, together with the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, read at the first Regular Meeting of the lodge thereafter.

The address of welcome by the Provincial Treasurer, the Mayor and others, all Craftsmen, were warm and worthy.

Bro. Patterson said:

He appreciated the ancient rule of the order which prohibited it from taking part in politics and agreed that Masonry should not link itself with any political party. He was of the opinion however that Masonry had a political function using the word "political" in its broader and proper sense. That function was in the direction of establishing high standards of citizenship and in the maintenance of an established and ordered system of Government.

M.W. Bro. C. Ensor Sharp of British Columbia, was honoured and delivered an excellent speech, from which we make the following extracts:

Personally I find that visiting enables one to form a more complete opinion of the things which make for Masonry or hinder it—in other words one sees the glory or the failure of the Masonic life and I am very much impressed with what I have seen of Masonry here.

Masonry begins to teach vision by making use of the beauty, the drama and the philosophy of Greece which are still the standard in this present century of beauty, drama and philosophy. Here the Mason learns that nothing beautiful is helpful unless seen with pure eyes—that is the first great step in the spirit of Masonic vision.

Then she goes on to point out that vision is a spiritual thing that it is a thing that can hold and bind a man, be his religion,

for "religion" simply means "binding" or "holding". To teach this great truth she takes the religious action of the Hebrew race.

The Grand Master's address is full of information as to the progress of the Craft and the Province. He says:

With the betterment of general conditions is shown a remarkable growth in Masonic interests throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and the seekers after Masonic Light are very much on the increase. To those deemed worthy it is our duty and privilege to accord a kindly welcome.

The visit of the Grand Secretary to the various districts is looked upon as an annual event by many of the brethren throughout the province and this would appear to traverse that constant contact between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges which is always necessary to the well-being and the success of the fraternity.

At all these meetings the D.D.G.M. for the coming year was elected to be installed at this Communication.

He constituted and consecrated two new lodges and granted Dispensations for eight more, a fine prospect of work for the future.

Under Research he says:

The best interests of Freemasonry are bound to be served by the visits of distinguished brethren like M.W. Bro. Thornton who are willing to place their vast knowledge and experience at the disposal of the Craft.

Among his rulings we find this:

On the monthly notice of Corinthian Lodge for March among the items of business to be brought before the lodge at this meeting was: "The advisability of opening an Eastern Star Lodge will be discussed". Upon receipt of this notice I instructed the Grand Secretary to notify this lodge that such a question was not Masonic business and should not be brought before the lodge.

His conclusion is striking:

Let us carry the principles and teachings of our beloved Craft down through the years to come; we can do much to restore the equilibrium of the universe, and further it is our individual duty to find for ourselves how best we can severally accomplish this end.

That duty will cause the employee to render to the employer "the very best service for the expected reward". It will also make the employer consider the employee on the same basis as himself and bind these two dominant factors of the world more closely together. Thus employer and employee will more nearly realize that peace and happiness in this life are far more valuable than riches.

I find the words of Shakespeare rather appropriate for the past year:

My heart doth joy that in all my life
I met no man but he was true to me.

The D.D.G.M's of sixteen Districts reported briefly but fully.

Membership 13,091. Net gain 122. Lodges 180.

The Grand Secretary, W. B. Tate, an upstanding figure in Western Masonry, thus concludes his report:

I sincerely trust that my efforts during the year have contributed to building up and extending the democracy of Freemasonry in our fair Province and hastening the coming of the day of which Bobby Burns sang:

"Then let us pray that come it may
As come it will for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that."

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry say:

In this connection it is to be remembered that Masons remote from the larger centres and these comprise the greater part of our membership are to a considerable extent deprived of the advantages enjoyed by those residing in the larger towns and cities and it should be the aim of Grand Lodge to make up to them by every means in its power those things which from the nature of their geographical position it is difficult for them to acquire unassisted.

A very taking photograph reproduced in the Proceedings is that of the orphan children being cared for by Grand Lodge.

James McCauley, P.G.M., closes his report on Benevolence, with this verse:

Lord we thank Thee for a' that Thou dost send;
But most of a' for every faithful friend.
Help us to serve; and let us ever see
By serving others we are serving Thee
Teach us to love Thy law, to thus fulfil
In love and service let us do Thy will.

The Credential Committee mixed poetry with statistics:

If we were to judge by appearances we would say that some of you take yourselves too seriously we would therefore ask you to consider the following:

If we could push ajar the gates of life
And stand within and all God's workings see,
We could interpret a' this doubt and strife
And for each mystery find a key.
But not to-day.

M.W. Bro. Dr. Goggin of Toronto, represents Saskatchewan with us.

Forty-two approved Rulings of Grand Masters are printed in the Proceedings. The time for another issue of our own Rulings in Canada is ripe.

Bro. W. M. Thomson is Reviewer and he has the wonderful art of concentration.

Under Alabama he says:

Fellowmen does not necessarily mean "Fellowmasons". The duties, responsibilities and obligations assumed upon entrance into the Masonic Fraternity are not binding merely upon ourselves. One is not a Mason at all who regards the fraternity as a privileged circle, and that all outside that circle are fair game for any sort of questionable transaction. Those who hold this idea have missed the real teachings and purposes of our degrees.

Canada is reviewed in friendly fashion and from the report we take these extracts:

In the annual address of the Grand Master notice was made with reference to the City in which Grand Lodge was meeting.

Seventy years ago there was held in this city a convention of delegates deputed to consider the expediency of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lodge lost through death during the past year three Past Grand Masters, viz.: M.W. Bro. William R. White K.C.; M.W. Bro. Augustus Toplady Freed and M.W. Bro. His Honor John Elly Harding. There were also twenty-seven acting and past Grand Officers, quite a blow in one year for the Grand Lodge.

The Masons of Ontario should have a very good idea of how their respective sister lodges are getting along as a very full and complete report of every district is submitted by the D.D. G.M.'s and practically every lodge in each district receives a full report as to its condition.

The report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is well worth reading and shows that they are very earnest in their desire that the District system should be successful.

Delaware gives material for comment and food for thought:

The purpose of the Masonic Service Association is two-fold: first to make possible a larger knowledge of the history and the significance of the teachings of the fraternity; and second, to guide its members into the field of larger service by the practical application of those teachings to modern life.

How can the Mason serve his community? First of all he can give his moral and financial and physical support to those institutions in the community which make for its welfare. He can lend the church a helping hand, whether he likes the minister's sermons or not. The minister is not the Church any more than the Master of a Lodge is Masonry. He can get behind the task of public education.. He can encourage public playgrounds, libraries, hospitals. To him who has the spirit to serve, opportunities are not lacking.

The problem of non-attendance of many members is still uppermost throughout many Jurisdictions and the suggestions of Manitoba are frequently commented upon. They are these:

(a) Members are not sufficiently impressed with the importance of their responsibility to attend regularly.

(b) Lack of sufficient care and thought in the planning of meetings to make them interesting to their members.

(c) Tardiness in opening the lodge and waste of time in despatching the business of the meeting.

(d) A lack of intimate relationship by emphasizing that absence has been noted.

The responsibility for correcting these rests upon the W.M., Wardens and Secretary of the lodge.

Nevada gives us this cheering verse:

"It's doing your work the best you can,
And being just to your fellow man;
And staying true to your aims and ends;
It's figuring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high,
And dreaming a little and doing much;
It's keeping always in closest touch,
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's struggling on with the will to win,
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow and work and mirth,
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving, through strain and stress,
It's doing your noblest—that's success."

SCOTLAND

The Right Honorable The Earl of Stair, D.S.O.,
D.L., J.P., Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason.

The Right Honorable The Earl of Elgin and Kin-
cardine, C.M.G., D.L., J.P., Right Worshipful Past
Grand Master.

The Right Honorable The Lord Blythswood, K.C.V.
O., D.L., Right Worshipful Grand Master Depute.

Joseph Inglis, W.S., J.P., Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master.

The Master of Saltoun, M.C., R.W. Senior Grand Warden.

The Right Honorable The Earl Haig, K.T., V.W. Senior Grand Deacon,.

There is also a Grand Bard, and a Grand Bible Bearer.

The title page of the Proceedings marks the Transactions as **private and confidential**. We presume however that this applies to the outsider and that we are not debarred thereby from reviewing the Proceedings.

The Arms are striking, St. Andrew and his cross, the *old* Union Jack (without the cross of St. Patrick) and the motto beneath "In the Lord is all our Trust".

Honorary Grand Office Bearers are recorded in the Transvaal, India, Cairo, Jamaica and every part of the Globe.

The Most Noble The Duke of Atholl, K.T., D.S.O., is among the Past Grand Masters.

Scotland is happily represented by one of our most esteemed Master Craftsmen, Hugh Alexander Mackay of Hamilton.

The list of Lodges with their Officers of course begins with O Mother Kilwinning. The Master of Mother Kilwinning is ex-officio Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire.

The last three numbers among the warranted lodges are 1339 Jaffa, Palestine, 1340 Riddrie, Glasgow, 1341 Cowcaddens, Glasgow, but there are other lodges u.d.

We gather that Barbados and British Guiana have each three lodges and Egypt four lodges under this Grand Jurisdiction.

A Quarterly Communication was held in Edinburgh, 4th February, 1926, and the record of those in attendance covers many pages. Grand Lodge was opened in full form and with solemn prayer. Earl Haig, K.T., was installed and invested with the Jewel of his office of Senior Grand Deacon by the M.W. Grand Master Mason.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Girdwood Winning was confirmed in his appointment as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master Depute (the Brethren being up-standing) referred in sympathetic terms to the death of John Black, a member of the Grand Committee.

A vote of thanks was rendered to Joseph Inglis, W.S., for his services to Grand Lodge.

The Foreign and Colonial Committee present an interesting report in which they consider four questions submitted to them by a Lodge in Lima, Peru, as to whether the Grand Lodge of Scotland recognize the right of a Council of the Scottish Rite to confer the Symbolic Degrees, and as to whether one who has received such Degrees could sit in a lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and also as to whether a Scottish Master Mason could visit a lodge under a Council of the Scottish Rite. To all these questions the ruling approved was "no" and the Committee add:

In supplement of the foregoing ruling, it is recommended that Grand Secretary explain that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is in amity with the Supreme Council for Scotland of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Sister Supreme Councils of that Rite recognized as such by it, and the Consistories and Chapters working under all such bodies; that the Grand Lodge of Scotland understands that the Supreme Council for Scotland of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite does not confer Craft Degrees; that the Grand Lodge of Scotland does not recognize Craft Degrees conferred under the auspices of any Supreme Council of that body; further, that diplomas of brethren in Craft Masonry can be issued only by the Grand Lodge of Scotland or by other Grand Lodges with which it is in amity.

The Grand Committee met 22nd April, 1926, and transacted much business minutely.

Twenty-four Brethren residing in Chile prayed for a charter of constitution and erection as a regular lodge by the name of "Atacama". Having in view the fact that a Grand Representative had been appointed in 1924 to the Grand Lodge of Chile, it was held that that Grand Lodge had been thereby recognized as a sovereign Grand Body and that the petition could not therefore be entertained.

The District Grand Master from Jamaica reports that his five lodges are working in brotherly love, har-

mony and increase, and that they keep in touch with the lodges there under the Irish Constitution, who have elected him an honorary member. This is as it should be and in contrast with some of our Brethren in the Jurisdictions of Australasia.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the 6th of May at which many duties were worthily fulfilled in that thorough manner which characterizes the Scottish Grand Lodge. Intimation was made of the erection and consecration of Lodge The Golden Throne, Jerusalem, No. 1344, the ceremony having been carried out in due form.

Further Proceedings of Scotland had not been received when this review was completed.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

M.W. Bro. The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Slaney Poole, M.A., LL.B.

Charles R. J. Glover, Grand Secretary.

Membership 12,458. Net increase 731.

A half yearly Communication was held in Adelaide, October 21, 1925, when the Board of General Purposes presented a full report, mentioning what excellent progress is being made in erecting the new Temple. They refer to the second Australian Masonic Conference held in Adelaide, at which the following, among other recommendations, were made:

"That this Conference affirms the desirability of uniformity of signs, tokens and words in the various degrees."

The necessity for the most stringent enquiries and written reports on the qualifications of candidates for initiation prior to the taking of the ballot.

That the Committee of Enquiry when investigating proposals for membership in the Craft take into consideration the financial position of the Candidate with respect to life insurance or other provision for himself or dependants.

That in the judgment of this Conference it is not desirable that lodges should become so large in numbers as to imperil the fraternal fellowship of their members.

Canada's Representative did not sign the roll.

The Grand Master in his address says:

What does exist is a discretion in the Grand Master to grant a Dispensation from the general rule and to permit the son of a Freemason to be admitted to the Order, though he may be still a minor. Without that Dispensation it is wrong to thus admit him.

Subject to the Constitutions and the By-laws of his lodge he is a Ruler in the Craft and Master of his lodge, and while in matters where he has a discretion he may well bow to the considered opinion of experienced Past Masters, in matters where there is no discretion, the responsibility must rest entirely on his own shoulders, and if an act is counselled or it is sought to adopt a course contrary to Masonic principle, he should see to it that his Lodge does not transgress.

The Annual Communication was held at Adelaide, April 21st, 1926.

The Board of General Purposes reported that the total assets of Grand Lodge are valued at £134,711, certainly a handsome asset on which of course inroads will be made by the Building Fund.

The devastating fires which have occurred were relieved.

Canada in Ontario was not represented, though Grand Representatives of nearly all the other Provinces signed the roll.

Grand Master Poole was unanimously re-elected, having given abundant evidence of his ability to "control the forces" of this Grand Lodge—a great phrase.

In his address he said:

I can assure you that the office of a Judge is, in these days, no sinecure, but I can also assure you that on every occasion when my Civil tasks and my health permitted, I have done my best to carry out that work which ought to be carried out by a Grand Master.

The increase is not due to one cause alone. The fact that the purchasing power of the sovereign has decreased without any increase in lodge dues has, no doubt, some effect. The general use of the motor car has, no doubt, had some effect also, but I think that the main cause is due to this, that Freemasonry offers at a period when many supposed axioms have turned out to be falsities a sure and sound foundation of principle, an unfailing guide through the deceptive paths of life.

On the date of these Proceedings the late M.W. Bro. Burritt was the Representative here of South Australia and Canada has been represented for some years by Bro. Rev. M. W. Williams, P.G.W.

Most of the reviews of sister Jurisdictions are written by the Grand Representatives.

Canada is fraternally reviewed by Bro. Williams, and in his report he says:

Our representative was present on the occasion.

In the Report on the Condition of Masonry dealing with membership appears the following:—"An easy and thoughtless laxity in admitting members is quite as harmful as the unfair use of the ballot which results in the rejection of suitable material because of private rancour or personal spite—one lets the worse material in, and the other keeps the best material out."

The Report goes on to say that the man whose moral make-up is so warped that he cannot live peaceably with his neighbours, who indulges in constant pin-pricking, and has a love of acrimonious discussion, should never be admitted to membership.

The Review of our Proceedings is most excellent, and concludes with the words "In 1927 we hope to have the privilege personally of meeting and greeting our South Australian friends and brethren."

Under Manitoba the Reviewer is struck with the sermon by M.W. Bro. Matheson "Ask of the days that are past."

The Quebec Review emphasizes this:

The question you will ask him, if you be a true Mason, is not "What is your creed?" but "What is your need?"

SOUTH CAROLINA

M.W. Bro. Charles K. Chreitzberg, Grand Master.

At a Special Communication for laying cornerstones of a church, a beautifully bound Bible was presented with this inscription:

May this Great Light in Masonry rule and govern our lives and the lives of our sons and of our sons' sons.

The One Hundred and eighty-ninth Annual Communication convened in Charleston, March 10th, 1926. Six Past Grand Masters responded to the call of duty.

Canada was represented by Bro. A. A. Lemon.

In his address the Grand Master realized his responsibility yet said his year had been one of unalloyed pleasure and satisfaction.

Under Necrology he reassuringly strengthened the faith of the Brethren as follows:

So many men refer to "the devastating harvest of the grim reaper". I know no grim reaper! Why should an angel from heaven sent by a loving Father to summon a faithful son home be constantly clothed in the habiliments of terror?

He gives about the best description of the George Washington Memorial that we have seen:

The roof is on over Memorial Hall and the Amphitheater. In Memorial Hall are eight columns of green Missouri marble six feet through and forty feet high surmounted by six-foot capitals beautifully carved and ornamented. These columns are perfectly designed and their mirror-like surface is beautiful to behold. They support the tower or upper stories. There is no structural steel used; the building is wholly of masonry and concrete and is designed to be as permanent as human ingenuity can devise.

The Amphitheater to the rear of Memorial Hall is a reproduction of the best in the old Roman designs. It will have no seats but the concrete terraces or steps rising in a semi-circle will be lined with marble for the spectators to sit on as did the old Romans. This Amphitheater will accommodate a thousand people. (Others say 2000).

He ordered the arrest of the charter of a lodge which refused to convict a member found guilty and this was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

In another case he holds:

I also recommend that the verdict of the lodge be reversed and the offending brother be expelled from Masonry. I hold that the lodge's verdict of "Not Guilty" is no bar to action by this Grand Lodge.

Another lodge was also recalcitrant and he thus ruled and his decision was after wards confirmed:

I reviewed the trial of the Secretary on charges arising out of a shortage of lodge funds. I was told that the Secretary was indifferent to all appeals and assumed an arrogant attitude; that the evidence of guilt was overwhelming but the verdict of the lodge was "Not Guilty".

I therefore ordered the arrest of the Charter for the good of Masonry and I recommend that this arrest be made permanent.

Men at work installing machinery who desired to enter the Craft were referred to their home lodges with this solution:

I suggested that we could confer the degrees as a courtesy to the lodge whose material they are.

A travelling journalist organizing circulation contests was held to be only a sojourner and that the lodge where he was at present, could not receive his application but could confer a Degree as a courtesy.

Two similar decisions were also given, in each case the "material" being referred to the home lodge.

As to charges made after election, he rules:

The naked objection shall not prevent the degree from being conferred. The objector must assign a reason or prefer charges.

An expelled member asked for reinstatement after having been convicted of defalcation and paroled. The G.M. held that the lodge could entertain his petition but added:

To my mind restoration rested largely upon the question—is he under the tongue of good report.

As to the General Grand Lodge he thus expresses himself:

I agree with the opinion then expressed that there is no necessity for a General Grand Lodge although I am heartily in favor of a common meeting place for the interchange of views as afforded the Grand Lodges through the Masonic Service Association.

The Educational Committee recommended and Grand Lodge approved of the appropriation of \$10,000 to finance the educational program. This splendidly generous contribution to a vital progressive factor in the history of South Carolina produced a wonderful address from the Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton who was present and from whose pregnant sentences we do not apologize for taking many extracts:

This young man fell dangerously ill. He made himself known as a Mason to an officer of the prisoner and that officer was a real Master Mason. He took that young man to his home and nursed him back to life.

That young man came back home and was made the Master of his lodge and that young Southern soldier was my father.

Years ago one of the pioneer teachers of the School of Law in Iowa induced the Grand Lodge to appropriate \$5.00 for the establishment of a library. He located one book—a copy of the original Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England for which the Grand Lodge of England has offered the Grand Lodge of Iowa forty thousand dollars. Where he got it nobody knows. But this library has been built up.

The the war came and I went to England to spread the good will of our people in a great pulpit of London. The war was an experience to Freemasonry. When Masonry went to the Government and said "We want to do some war work" the War Department said "We cannot deal with fifty Grand Lodges you must have some central body" and it was out of that that the Masonic Service Association grew—first for the relief during the war and second for the spreading of knowledge among Masons.

It will never do to use Masonry as a weapon to fight anything. Masonry is not to divide men but to help them to discover one another.

We want to heal ourselves of the intolerance and lawlessness that is among us.

I feel as if I had come home—away down South in Dixie. I have been an exile in New York which is no man's land. Really I was more at home in London because they do speak English there and you can walk for always in New York and never hear an English word. Once I went to take dinner with Lloyd George who was a Baptist Deacon. I went to talk at his Church and I was invited home with him and it was tea time—in England about four o'clock in the afternoon everybody stops to drink tea—and I remarked to him that we had nothing in America just like that. When I got through he said "Doctor we offered America tea once and they would not take it."

What will the future American look like five hundred years from now after all of these races have poured in there? He said England used to be a land of many races. All of these men have been melted together and have formed a modern British people. What will the future American look like. I have been thinking about it a great deal—you have to think about it in New York where you hardly ever see an American face. Once and awhile you do see an American there. There are more Jews in New York than there ever were in Jerusalem and more Irish than there ever were in Dublin and more Italians than there are in Venice, but God has brought these people together.

He is indeed a Master Mason.

Something that we neglect too much was dealt with by the Committee on Appeals as follows:

We also recommend that upon restoration of charter Aiken Lodge be instructed to institute proceedings to ascertain party guilty of divulging Masonic information and take whatever steps it may think necessary to mete out proper punishment. We cannot impress too strongly the importance of maintaining the secrecy of the ballot.

Membership 29,503.

The Representative of South Carolina is R.W. Bro. J. C. Bartram.

The Review of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions is by a veteran of the art and the Craft, J. L. Michie, P.G.M. He prefaces his report with these words:

This grand old world we live in
Is mighty hard to beat;
We pluck a thorn with every rose
But ain't the roses sweet!

Under Alberta we find:

This writer heartily commends the Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances: there are no statements of facts, the Committee simply sustains or reverses the judgment of the lodges. There is no good obtained by Masons airing their soiled linen.

Arizona contributes this verse adapted for the occasion:

"I care not where your islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond your love and care."

Another new Organization has budded in California of which he says:

Large lodges lose the personal touch that is so conducive to good fellowship. He speaks of a new Order that predicates its membership on Masonic affiliation namely. "The Order of Jean d'Arc." We never heard of it before.

A decent minimum of lodge dues is emphasized.

Canada is fully and pleasantly reviewed. He says—in addition to a summary of many other reports and addresses—including the Grand Master's fine message:

The Grand Secretary read the names of thirty-six Past Masters "who had served as Rulers of the Craft for more than fifty years." To be a "Ruler of the Craft" one must have been a Worshipful Master. Does above statement mean that these thirty-six Past Masters were Worshipful Masters "for more than fifty years" Brother Ponton? We note that one Brother was Master of his Lodge in 1861 two in 1866 one in 1868 and another in 1870.

Past W.M's for 50 years or more, Brother Michie. We have virile longevity in Canada.

The report on the Condition of Masonry is praised and this quoted:

"Men who their duties know
But know their rights and knowing dare maintai

He speaks kindly of our review:

Nearly one-half of the volume under review consists of the Report on Correspondence, which it has been a real pleasure to read. We've spent a few delightful hours with him.

Under England we find this comment:

From this Old Mother of Grand Lodges we have five pamphlets.

Incorporated in the Minutes of this quarterly is the Report of Sir Alfred Robbins on his visit to the United States.

A lodge could not decide to give up the lodge room when they had entered into a contract in good faith and a Masonic Lodge above all other things must be honest.

Iowa gives to all of us some meat, and we clip the following from the review:

Like his predecessor the lamented N. R. Parvin the new Grand Secretary C. C. Hunt commences and ends his Report with a poetical quotation. Here is his introduction:

"God is a Father.
Man is a Brother,
The Earth is our Mother.

Life is a mission and not a career.

Knightship is service,
His scepter is gladness,
The least is the greatest,
Saving is dying,
Giving is living,

Life is eternal and Love is its essence."

New York spoke of a point raised by him as rather a technical question of name and not of fact but Bro. Michie counters in the following words:

Hardly "only technical" my brother. The "Ancients" and the "Moderns" got together in 1813 and formed "The United Grand Lodge of England" just as the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Queensland Grand Lodge got together a few years ago and formed "The United Grand Lodge of Queensland." The United Grand Lodge of England cannot date back further than 1813.

Yes "Discussion is healthy" we agree with you that "Things kept under cover are likely to cause serious upheavals."

Under Scotland the following struck him, as they struck us:

"Wha for SCOTLAND'S King and Law
FREEDOM'S sword will strongly draw;
Freeman stand or Freeman fa',
Let him follow me!"

"Now's the day and now's the hour!"

See approach Prince Edward's power,
Peace and harmony!

When the workmen line up for their wages at last
In the Grand Lodge above one by one,
Then may Edward the Mason-Prince have his work
passed,
And the Great Architect say "Well done."

Of course they refer to the visit of the Prince of
Wales as Prince of Scotland, to "Auld Reekie".

Bro. Michie's report is original throughout.

SOUTH DAKOTA

M.W. Bro. John Knox Kutnewsky, M.D., Grand
Master.

Occasional Grand Lodges were held to dedicate five
Temples, to lay two cornerstones, to constitute lodges
and for the funeral services of three Past Grand Masters,
a worthy custom which should be followed in Canada.

At the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Mitchell,
the oration prepared by Past Grand Master Charles L.
Brockway, just before his sudden death, was delivered
by a friend and Brother. Bro. Brockway was an out-
standing figure in the Craft and known in all Jurisdic-
tions. This his swan-song:

Speculations as to its origins and ancestry have been a
fruitful field well cultivated and productive of a large quantity
of books, pamphlets, articles, addresses and not a little oratory,
interesting no doubt but serving in a large measure to show
how easy it may be with a few facts to generalize a volume.

There must be somewhere in this wide universe some one
who knows right and justice and truth, whose judgment is
infallible. We do not hold back, nor attempt to dodge the
issue, but recognizing the facts that we and all humanity are
finite, prone to error and always, however intent to do the
right, given to doing the wrong, seeking, striving and laboring
to attain a something which we innately conceive to be our
real destiny, we look up and find in the Infinite, All-Wise
Creator, God the Author of life and Wise Law Giver the Maker
of these rules and standards.

Without a firm and unswerving faith in this great funda-
mental there is no place in this wide Universe where we can
hope to find the infallible and perfect standard of right. So
our appeal to the Great Jehovah in this dedication to Free-
Masonry is our solemn admission and profession of faith in

God. To us He is the God not of the dead, but of the living, not of one nation, tribe, family, persuasion or class, but of all the great family of human beings on earth. So we are brethren.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication was held at Yankton, June 8th, 1926.

The address of welcome contains this sentence:

His very name reminds him that he is a builder, whose primary duty is to enlarge his mind and soul by the acquisition of new ideas, and thus extend his usefulness to his fellow men.

Thirteen Past Grand Masters were loyal and seasoned workers.

William E. Milligan represented Canada at the altar.

The Grand Master's address opened with the following verses:

"They taught us how to shape life unto noble ends;
They wrought to make men Builders, Brothers, Friends."
"Time steals them from us, chances strange,
Disastrous accidents, and change
That comes to all;
Even in the most exalted state,
Relentless sweeps the stroke of fate;
The strongest fall."

We regret to record that because the first and second fingers on the right hand of a candidate were shorter and were webbed, he was considered otherwise fit, but not fit for our Craftsmanship of fellowship for the Temple not made with hands. Surely South Dakota will come up from under in the near future.

The Sanatoria Association of New Mexico is praised for doing a wonderful work among the Brethren from all over America who go there to regain health.

The Grand Secretary says of the late "dear old Brock":

The most that we can say is that he was a "Man," a Companion and a Friend.

Many books are being added each week to the Library.

Membership 19,632. Net gain 336.

After a talk about the Children's Home at Sioux Falls a brother suggested "how about a silver offering". The result being a multitude of silver dollars and half dollars being thrown to the center of the floor where a very substantial sum was gathered and presented.

The Committee on Necrology quote:

"He is not idle in his higher sphere:
His spirit spends itself in loving tasks:
And strength to perfect what is dreamed of here,
Is all the crown of glory that it asks."

Grand Orator Hall delivered a great address on "Leaders of Light". These sentences are illustrative:

The last decade has been a very critical age in the life of the United States. Time after time we have wondered whether or not we had a national consciousness. Have those nationalities who came to our shores and have become naturalized citizens been welded together and has the "melting pot" given us a solid whole or only a loose amalgamation, ready to fall when special stress and tension are brought to bear upon it? The World War answered this for us, because, fortunately, the insidious attempts to array group against group in the hope that we might not present a solid front failed. True we were long blinded to the real issues behind that Conflict but our consciousness was finally awakened and real American spirit asserted its supremacy over all hyphenism.

"Prepare our hearts in sympathy to be partners in suffering with the weak; partners in eager service with the strong."

A beautifully colored photogravure of the late Bro. Brockway adorns the Proceedings.

And from the memorial we take these verses:

And let no words be said of me
That "he is dead and gone,"
But only say, "He left to-day;
He's journeyed out and on."
And if some parting tears are shed,
Just make them all of joy,
Have no regret, be glad we met,
And say, "Good ship, Ahoy!"

M.W. Bro. John A. Rowland our present Grand Master, represents South Dakota.

The Masonic Veterans' Association prospers.

The Correspondence Review is by Arthur H. Tufts, who several years ago acted in the same capacity.

In his prelude he says:

The boys' organizations seem to have centered chiefly in the DeMolays. Some grand jurisdictions have welcomed them with open arms others with reluctance and suspicion, and some not at all.

For the girls we find Job's Daughters Sunshine Sisters, Jean de Arc's and we do not know how many more.

The Ku Klux Klan has again appeared on the horizon, this time with professed new aims and motives.

We have expressed the opinion that it would in due time find its level. If there are many Masons in its membership as is alleged then there are among them good men who will not continue there and countenance wrong doing.

While Masonry adheres to the Ancient Landmarks and Rituals it is broadening out in its charities, building homes for the old and decrepit poor, the widows and orphans, in many cases opening its purse to non-masonic with the Masonic.

He says that only New York in the United States recognizes Vienna and therefore recommends deferring action until proper data are furnished.

The opening of his review of Alabama is as follows:

Alabama lists 1510 ministers among its membership. If we remember correctly they do not collect dues or fees from active clergymen. We like the custom for two reasons one given by a minister of our acquaintance who had expressed a desire to become a Mason "Too many ministers are like me they have a large family and a small salary." The other is that they can, if so disposed and they usually are, more than pay their way in good offices.

Under California he finds the bright stars are the Masonic Homes. He records the visitation of the Grand Master to eight lodges in Hawaii where there are 1640 members.

Canada is given an appreciative review from which we take the following extracts:

Canada Grand Lodge has adopted the practice of presenting medals to Past Masters who have been in service fifty years or more.

In our jurisdiction we present medals to any master mason who has been such fifty years or more thus going a little farther than our Canadian brothers.

We concluded that the key to the success of the constituent lodges was the fact that the Past Masters kept up their attendance and interest and they usually had competent secretaries as well as masters and wardens.

Seldom did we note any criticism or complaint. In one instance a lodge hall was reported too small to accommodate all who desired to attend lodge. That is not a defect around our baliwick. There are too often too many empty seats.

The fact that a jurisdiction even though large makes a net increase of 3,243 members in one year shows that the lodges are very much alive.

He kindly refers to our review as very interesting and exhaustive (we trust not exhausting).

We find this under District of Columbia in speaking of Admiral Baird—"frosty but kindly."

He admits he is eighty two years young, decrepit but still on deck. His brain is still young and he writes his usually fine review.

Under Ireland he says:

In the reports from Provinces we note the mention of rebuilding of temples destroyed but not a murmur from any source, or a hint of persecution.

Like the British Grand Lodges much stress is laid upon benevolence and benevolent institutions putting to shame brothers whom we have sometimes heard say on a Masonic floor that Masonry is not a benevolent institution.

And this from Louisiana:

We will not attempt to analyze the proposed questionnaire but refer to one. Is (or was) your father a member of the Masonic Fraternity and if so of what lodge?

What has that to do with a candidate's fitness?

Under Michigan he introduces our old friend:

Brother The Rev. William H. Gallagher writes a report of 568 pages covering 68 jurisdictions.

If the officers of Michigan lodges take the time to read his splendid report they will be well posted on Masonic doings the world over for the year covered.

New Zealand is introduced in the ore rotundo:

Their installation ceremonies accompanied with blare of trumpets, much music, ceremony and pomp, must be very impressive. The newly elected Grand Master says:

"To my mind the great need of the present day is to bring influence to bear upon the young people, the boys and girls who are growing up in these critical times and on whom the future of our race depends."

TASMANIA

M.W. Brother Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication was held at Hobart, 27th February, 1926.

The Board of Benevolence reported receipts £2,339, and investments £7,326, a very creditable showing.

The Grand Inspectors of lodges for the several Districts reported satisfyingly except as to lack of uniformity in Ritual. One extract must suffice:

I am more concerned about the type of candidate introduced to Freemasonry. It is disappointing to find men brought forward under the impression that the surroundings of a Masonic Lodge will bring about a reformation in that individual's character. Masters must stress the necessity of quality, not quantity.

There are 41 lodges now working.

A Resolution was passed stipulating that no office should be held by a Mason until he had been a Master Mason for two years, nor could he hold the office of Warden until he had been a Master Mason for five years.

The Masonic Conference recommended:

That the Committee of Enquiry, when investigating proposals for membership in the Craft, take into consideration the financial position of the Candidate with respect to life insurance or other provision for himself or dependents.

That in the judgment of this Conference, it is not desirable that lodges should become so large in numbers as to imperil the fraternal fellowship of their members.

An address of loyalty and welcome to Lord Stonehaven, the new Governor General, was presented and graciously accepted.

The installation of the new M.W. Grand Master-elect, Bro. Claude Ernest Weymouth James, M.H.A., was then carried out in ancient form. Several Representatives of Victoria were welcomed and spoke.

The new Grand Master said:

It is not of to-day, nor to-morrow only, that we should think, but in all our deliberations let us look down the vista of the years to come and guide our actions to-day by what we desire Freemasonry to be in the future.

Canada is represented by Bro. H. J. Wise, and Tasmania is represented here by Bro. A. F. Webster. We note that the Rt. Hon. Sir Gilbert Parker, Bart., represents Tasmania near the Grand Lodge of England.

A special meeting of Grand Lodge was held 17th April, 1926, to dedicate the Masonic Temple at Fingal, when an eloquent oration was delivered by acting Grand Chaplain McCabe, from which we take the following striking paragraphs:

The keynote of my address to you is Service.

Service, first of all, to God. The primary reason for the erection of the Great Temple which King Solomon built was that there at Jerusalem might be God's House, in which His

creatures might pay Him that service, reverence, worship, and devotion which is His due. This also is the primary reason for the erection of this present Temple. Here, from the heart of every true Mason should well forth reverence, worship, and love of God the Most High.

This brings me to a wider question. There is our service to our district or town; there is our service to our State; there is our service to the Empire—but, as Masons, we have a wider service still. We are units in a great International Brotherhood. There was a time even in the life of the youngest here, when the dwellers in a small State like Tasmania, remote from the great centres of world population and trade, felt that they had little concern with international problems. But modern science and invention have changed all this.

The world is one huge family, and one of the factors in knitting us together for the further progress of the human race must be our great World Brotherhood of Freemasons. Whatever we as Masons may do to help on the cause of international relations to further the Brotherhood of Man, is surely part of our service to God and Man.

A half yearly Communication was held at Hobart, 28th August, 1926.

The Report of the Board showed that many valuable works have been added to the Library.

Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

M.W. Bro. D'Emden on his retirement was presented with an illuminated address enclosed in a Tasmanian oak casket, together with a cheque and a Dinner Set for Mrs. D'Emden, as tokens of esteem. The exquisitely carved oak casket is reproduced in engraving and is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Membership 2,543. Increase 12.

The Grand Master said after reviewing his activities:

We want our members not only to appreciate the ethical and fraternal aspects, but to realize more of the true philosophy and spirit of Freemasonry. If they do that there will be fewer inactive Masons, and fewer applications for clearances. I think also we should provide them with more intellectual food.

The consecration of "Hutchins Old Boys' Lodge" at Hobart is specially featured. It started with 51 foundation members and with the traditions of a Public School whose old boys are taking no small part in the life of the State.

Grand Chaplain Hughes delivered an oration which is altogether out of the ordinary and of which we produce as much as space will permit:

The new lodge is not simply an overflow, as it were, from an older Lodge, but it is to consist of men who look back with pride to an Institution with which they were privileged to be connected in the past. The Hutchins School was opened 1846, and for the past 80 years has played a conspicuous part in the scholastic world of Tasmania. Many of our leading men can look back with thankfulness to the days spent at the old school—days in which they were learning lessons, not only in scholastic lore, but also those higher lessons of truthfulness, fidelity, honour and all that tends towards making the perfect character—lessons very much akin to those we learn in our Masonic Craft. And lately, some of the old boys of the school, remembering, perhaps the friendships formed there, have thought that those friendships and the old associations might be knit together even more closely by the formation of a lodge called after the old school.

But you are not going to stop at this. You are going to look forward as well as backward. For surely the great lesson of a true commemoration of the past (and the name of the new lodge implies such a commemoration) is a faithful and certain and loving hope for the future.

And when we come to ask ourselves the question that one of old asked, "What is truth?" we begin to see how groundless is the charge made against Masons that their belief must be a narrow one. For truth has heights and depths and lengths and breadths, which eternity itself will be hardly long enough to explore. The answer to the question "What is Truth?" will be ever telling, yet never completely told. In our present state we are at a disadvantage. We are painfully conscious that there is

A deep below the deep,
And a height beyond the height;
Our hearing is not hearing,
And our seeing is not sight.

I was an old High School boy, and great and keen was the friendly rivalry between the two old schools. I remember how at one period of our rivalry year after year we beat them at cricket. But they came up smiling after every defeat, but at last the tide turned, and they beat us. I remember, too, how heartily we cheered them then, because of the pluck with which they had stuck to their task till they beat us. Well, I believe that the same spirit which animated those boys more than 40 years ago will animate the founders of the new lodge and their successors, in overcoming all difficulties that may occur.

TENNESSEE

M.W. Bro. Andrew E. McCulloch, Grand Master.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication was held in Nashville, January 26th, 1927.

Twelve Past Grand Masters responded for duty.

Canada was represented by Bro. George T. Wofford.

The Grand Master's address is full of vital matter. Among other things he said:

We meet new faces and form new ties, while the newcomers join us and become a part of this great body of men who represent the best manhood of this great Commonwealth.

With this in view then, let us enter into the business of this Grand Lodge with the spirit of service and with a prayer for harmony.

Among the Dispensations he refused was the following and the reason:

Mountain City Lodge to elect and install Worshipful Master, cause of death. Senior Warden succeeds.

The Grand Master ruled that restoration of four brethren to the rights and privileges of Masonry did not restore them to membership in their lodge but the committee afterwards disagreed with this ruling.

The following is also of interest as emphasizing the fact that a Court judgment is not final evidence in a Craft trial though of course it is a factor:

"Your Committee are of the opinion that violations of the civil or criminal laws of the State, involving moral turpitude, are subjects of Masonic Jurisdiction."

Ans: Your lodge should be the judge as to whether he is guilty of a Masonic Offense, and should act accordingly, regardless of the Courts.

Under Courtesy Work he says:

I have found that the laws of some Grand Lodges will not permit their lodges to confer the Entered Apprentice degree, but for the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees their laws are similar to our own.

St. John the Baptist Day was made a special opportunity for philanthropy as the following shows:

The Festival of St. John will be observed by Lodges of this Jurisdiction on June 24, and, in addition to such celebration, the same day shall be known and observed as Widows' and Orphans' Day, on which Lodges and their individual members

and others will be requested to make donations to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee, as a thank offering to Almighty God for the health, prosperity, mercy, and peace that have been vouchsafed to them during the year.

Costa Rica and Panama were recognized.

As to the appointment of a Judge Advocate the Grand Master says:

Your present Grand Master has keenly felt at times the need of a competent adviser. In some Grand Lodges they have an officer known as the Judge Advocate, whose duty it is to pass on questions which come to the Grand Master and assist him in his decision. The Grand Master is not bound to accept his advice, but in most cases it would be a relief to divide the responsibility.

Membership 50,022. Net gain 758.

The Historical Committee gave a long report of chiefly local interest.

The conclusion however contains a valuable suggestion:

The history of these various bodies is so closely interwoven with the Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges, that it is impossible to write a logical history of one branch of the Fraternity, without including the others. In numerous instances the same Craftsmen have presided over two or more of these Grand Bodies; while locally the active worker in the Subordinate Lodge, finds it necessary or logical to work in those conferring advanced Degrees.

Why should not our Masonic History of Tennessee incorporate an authentic account of all of our legitimate Masonry?

As to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico the Committee on Correspondence say:

We find enough to convince your Committee that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is composed of a little band of Masons who are endeavoring to make the smoldering embers of Masonry burn brightly in that benighted land—to use a familiar expression, they keep the Holy Fire.

In regard to the Scottish Rite of Mexico, your committee have no desire to enter into any discussion. We have no respect for it, and it is no more to be compared with the Scottish Rite of the United States than a piece of glass is to a diamond. The fact that it declared a Grand Lodge clandestine is enough to convince any one of the lengths it will go.

The condition of Tennessee is bravely faced in the following report of the Committee on Education:

If we leave the field of Masonic Education for the present and attempt to get a bird's eye view of Educational conditions

in the State we can best appreciate the magnitude of the problems to be encountered through the study of the latest statistics on this subject as prepared by the State Parent Teachers' Association.

From their latest booklet we find the following:

Total number of illiterates 10 years old and over....182,000

Total number of illiterates voting age.....153,000

72 Edicts of Grand Masters approved by Grand Lodge are incorporated in the Proceedings, a very practical and educative benefit to the Brethren.

Bro. A. J. Anderson of Toronto, represents Tennessee.

The Report on Correspondence is created in the mint of the mind of a wonderful personality, Bro. C. H. Smart, who is brave and gentle at the same time. Hear him in his introduction:

Our belief has always been that a correspondent should have an opinion—good, bad or indifferent—and should freely express it. In this manner alone can the happenings in the world of Masonry be made clear.

In our review of the various jurisdictions, we have written what we conceive to be for the best interests of Freemasonry. We may be presumptuous in locking horns with the old hands of the Round Table, but what we write is simply our opinion. We do not ask any brother to believe as we do. It is for him to seek the Truth.

Masonry, of late years, has become very much commercialized.

Some soon become non-attendants of the Lodges and eventually drop out altogether. They are the ones who have never yet learned to knock, that the door may be opened unto them. They have never sought in the true spirit, and therefore have never found. They were never cut out to be made Masons, in their hearts, and therefore never will be Masons.

Under Alabama he says:

If a Grand Master visits only ten lodges in the jungles during the year it will do more real good and advance the cause of Masonry to a greater extent than if he had visited twenty or thirty in the cities and big towns.

Apropos of a "trouble" he says:

It reminds one so much of Burns' "Address to the Toothache," wherein he says:

My curse upon your venom'd stang
That shoots my tortur'd gums alang;
And thro' my lugs gies monie a twang,
Wi' gnawing vengeance;
Tearing my nerves wi' bitter pang,
Like racking engines.

He concludes his review of British Columbia as follows:

Building operations are going on to such an extent in Tennessee that should the Grand Master lay all the corner-stones he would not have time to eat his meals. We have laid six during our brief span of Masonic existence, and they are all as firm in the building as the rock of Gibraltar—and we ain't no Grand Master nayther.

Under California he uses his pungent pen thus. Sunday Masonic picnics got "a darkened optic" at his hands. The topical form of review is the "abomination of desolation" and when confused "is enough to drive one to drink."

He seems to find good material in Canada and he says among other comments:

Eight decisions were rendered, of which we will notice two. He ruled "a blind man is ineligible to the office of Worshipful Master." We know of no law that renders a Master Mason who has served as a Warden ineligible to the office of Worshipful Master, but we do fail to see why a lodge should want to elect a blind man to the office. He also ruled that "a dimitted member who is indebted for dues to the lodge from which he took his dimit is not eligible to affiliate with any other lodge while the dues are unpaid." We beg to inquire how a member could dimit "who was not clear on the books."

As to our review he quotes and comments thus:

Under Alabama, he has this to say regarding the Eastern Star:

We are not booming the ladies of the Eastern Star, but it is only fair to point out their close co-operative position in regard to Alabama and other southern Jurisdictions and also to present the point of view of the Eastern Star itself. Why cannot they be induced to drop the Masculine Master Mason adjuncts and run their own show, thus winning the respect of all, avoiding interference with a "good standing" with which they have nothing to do and to which secretaries should not be permitted to certify, and do infinitely better work as an independent organization. Ability and philanthropy they have in abundance.

Let us ask you one question, Brother Ponton: If the Eastern Star should "drop the masculine Master Mason adjuncts," how could a female member appeal to a Master Mason if in

distress? Her signs would be as meaningless to him as those of "The Sons and Daughters of I Will Arise" or the "Independent Order of Immaculates."

Stick up for what you think is right, place your back to the wall, and say with Snowden's Knight—

Come one, come all, this rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I.

You should always bear in mind that the fellow who puts up a big "bluff" generally wins out.

His review of Egypt is interesting. We do not often get a glimpse of that ancient home of the Mysteries:

With the wish to look to and more closely bind the ties with which we are in harmony, we invite you to accept our cordial and fraternal salutations.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt is composed of sixty-seven subordinate lodges, fourteen of which work in the Greek language, six in French, four in English and the remaining forty-three in the Arabic language. Besides these lodges composing the Grand Lodge of Egypt, there are nine owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, fourteen belonging to England and three to Scotland, making a total of ninety-three Subordinate Lodges in Egypt. While that Grand Lodge is recognized by more than a majority of the Grand Lodges of the world, it is not in fraternal correspondence with Tennessee.

Under England he notes that Porto Rico has been recognized.

Iowa has good garden ground. Hear the gardener:

He very properly decided that, where a Mason's widow remarries and obtains a divorce, she loses her status as a Mason's widow.

In Tennessee an elective officer cannot resign—another of our laws that Iowa could enact with profit.

Referring to our remark that every letter asking for a decision on a question that is covered by law should be consigned to the waste basket, he says:

All of which is another whack from the nimble spade of Brother Smart. Nevertheless, we believe that if Brother Smart were in the chair of the Grand Master he would find himself at least writing a courteous letter to the inquiring brother, giving him a reference to the statutes in question.

Of course, we would. You should not always do as one says, but do as he does—if he does right.

He has a little good humored banter with Kansas thus:

Say, Brother Wilson, did it ever occur to you that it is the "younger generation" that is doing this thing? The older Masons are the stiff-necked, rock-ribbed, hard-boiled split-

hair fellows that always want the work put on as "I larnt it", and not as these young fly-up-the-creek fellows think it ought to be done.

Under New Jersey with regard to extraneous exotics of Masonry he says:

He gives a long list of visitations made, among them Shrine receptions and ceremonials, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Eastern Star receptions, Commandery meetings, Eastern Star Chapters, Society of Saint John, etc. Again we rise to a point of order, and inquire what earthly use there is in reporting this to a Grand Lodge of Masons. The brethren of New Jersey are about as much interested in this as they are in regard to the age of Ann.

In his review of New Zealand he recognizes the English ancestry of the Senior Officers in the following suggestive words:

We cannot close our review of New Zealand without remarking that, from the counterfeit presentment of the Grand Master, Pro-Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden, as shown in the proceedings, the affairs of the Grand Lodge are in good hands for the ensuing year. They appear to be five stalwarts—gentlemen fed on the fat of the land, and have not lost their love of good roast beef to this day.

His final afterword contains this which we share with the brethren:

The following poem under the head of "Masonry", the product of Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of Arkansas, gives the real essence of Freemasonry:

MASONRY DWELLS WITHIN

I have learned my lectures, word for word,
I know the degrees from the First to the Third,
Am I the Mason you would have me to be?
"Not yet, my Son, not yet," quoth he.

I have taken the Chapter, I have my mark,
The signs and the passwords I know by heart,
I know that now you must be proud of me.
"Yes, proud, but not satisfied," quoth he.

Look at my Fez and splendid Shrine pin,
My 32nd degree ring with the diamond set in,
I have got it all, you must agree with me,
"Not all, my Son, not all," said he.

But Father, why speak, you surely know
I have each degree, from high to low,
My emblems, charms and patents you see,
"There is more than these, my Son," said he.

If every candidate for the mysteries of Masonry were compelled to read the poem to a Committee of the Lodge before being given the Entered Apprentice Degree, then to the Lodge after he has received it, doing the same in the Second and Third, we are of the opinion that upon being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason he would be convinced that "degrees" and "emblems" are not all of Masonry.

TEXAS

M.W. Ed. R. Bryan, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge attended several funeral services of outstanding brethren during the year and this reviewer thinks that Canada should do the same.

Before calling Grand Lodge to labour a delightful programme was given by the Master Masons of Waco; "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" was sung by the choir.

From the address of welcome of Bro. McAdams, City Manager of Waco, this paragraph is of interest.

You know, out of the want of man, great institutions are born, such as our churches, our schools, and the American homes. Out of the want of men for the seeking of truth and knowledge, and better living, such organizations as the Masonic Lodge were founded and organized. We speak a great deal nowadays of service. It is a word that is often apparently very much used and over-worked.

A special setting of the Lord's prayer was sung as a solo and De Koven's Recessional was rendered.

The Ninety-first Annual Communication was held in Waco, December 1st, 1926. No less than twenty-two Past Grand Masters set an example of fidelity in the Grand East.

The Grand Chaplain's opening invocation is featured in most of the Proceedings of the United States.

Canada was represented by Elmer Renfro.

Master Masons in good standing for more than fifty years were introduced and greeted with applause.

One has been a Master Mason for 54 years. Since then he has served as Treasurer for 167 Masonic Years, and in other capacities in Masonic Office for 60 years, so he has held a total of 227 years of Masonic office. (Laughter) He is now Treasurer of six bodies in my town, Houston.

P.G.M. Randell said:

To him, and to these other beloved brethren, who have served just as faithfully in different fields as he has, to all of these good men and true who have grown into the youth that comes from lives of service to a great Fraternity like ours, men whose shoulders are stooped, and whose hair is whitening with the snows of the years, but men whose hearts are young and keen and fine, men to lead us and direct us and control us, we bring the greetings of 135,000 grateful brethren.

The G.M. opened a very fine address by saying that we are assembled:

to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love; and generally to promote in its own way the happiness of mankind.

I can lay aside my personal preferences, take you by the hand and call you brother. This is as it should be. Let each of us then claim and demand the right to think and act as our best judgment may dictate, on all matters that do not concern Masonry, and grant to every other man the same privilege, but when we come into a Masonic Lodge, let us think and act as Masons only.

The history of the past teaches us that no good thing was ever accomplished, no institution for the uplift and betterment of humanity ever succeeded, no great philanthropic undertaking was ever launched, except by and through the self sacrifice of men.

Another thing that struck me is that the American has no sense any more, of simple enjoyment. Conversation is a lost art. People no longer talk for the interchange of ideas. Indeed, ideas seem to be taboo. Any suggestion that everything is not for the best, in this best of all possible worlds is considered dangerously radical.

We only have to look around us to ascertain that this criticism is in a large measure, at least, true. Do we not, then, my brothers, need pioneers to-day, to point out to the American people that this wild scramble for selfish pleasures and amusement can only end in ruin and destruction.

We need a balance wheel—something to more evenly distribute among our young people the spiritual things of life as well as the material things.

My brethren, I know of no more capable institution to lead us out of this dark wilderness of materialism than Masonry.

No less than 25 cornerstones of public buildings were laid during the year. A contrast to Canada.

From his decisions we cite these :

That the White Shrine should not be permitted to use the Lodge Room.

It is not permissible in Entered Apprentice degree to present candidate with a Bible instead of a Lambskin apron.

No one is allowed at trial of a brother except the jury commission, Trial Master, Junior Warden or proxy, the accused and proxy, and Secretary to Commission, and witness testifying.

This last decision contradicts a similar ruling given to exactly the opposite effect by another Grand Master. Is it not true that all Master Masons belonging to the lodge have a right to be present?

If Masonic lodge conducts funeral services, pallbearers must be Masons.

Lodge room could not be used in which to teach Men's Bible Class on Sunday morning.

Texas is having the same trouble as some other Jurisdictions in the use of Masonry for political and commercial purposes and as to this the Grand Master says with weight and authority:

Some of the brethren in introducing their business to the public and giving a history of themselves, invariably say, I am a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Shrine. Another in introducing himself politically will use the same or similar language. When called upon by the District Deputy Grand Master, they are surprised, did it unthoughtedly, and promise not to do so again, and probably do not, but a week will not pass until some other brother offends along the same line. I plead with the brethren to stop and think before they use their Masonry for political or commercial purposes, thus violating their obligations, and bringing Masonry into disrepute.

We must know that they are violating the spirit of our law, because we know that they are soliciting insurance on account of Masonic affiliation, using argument that Masons are a better class of risk than others, which necessarily appeals to our vanity.

Of profane swearing the G.M. says, noting a growing tendency to forget in this regard:

Call attention of the brethren to this habit, easily formed, so hard to correct, so useless and thoughtless and contrary to Masonic teaching.

Of the Gavel Club he has nothing but praise:

Sometimes during life I have met with persons who seemed to have lost sight of self, and seemed to live only to serve their neighbors and friends and the community in which they lived. These people were universally loved and shared with the community its hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, hardships and prosperity, and actually mothered the entire community in which they lived. When I visited the Gavel Club at Kerrville, and saw what it was doing among the tubercular soldiers

located in the United States Hospital, and other tuberculars scattered up and down the Guadalupe River, the service it was rendering to those unfortunate people, I was forcibly reminded of those good people described above who so unselfishly spent their lives in serving their fellow men. It is like a rift of sunshine through the dark and gloomy clouds of despair.

Of the Masonic Home and School he says encouragingly:

This institution needs no praise at my hands. To those who are familiar with what it has done, and what it is now doing, know that if Masonry in Texas had done nothing else, its existence would be justified because of this institution alone.

A home, whether it be family, or institutional, is judged by the men and women it produces, and measured by this just standard, the Masonic Home at Fort Worth, stands equal to any home in the land, as I am informed that no member of that Home has ever done anything to cause the blush of shame to mantle the cheek of any officer of the institution, or of any Mason.

He also speaks of the Home for Aged Masons generously maintained by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

As to Mexico he recommends:

If the Grand Lodge feels that it does not care to sever fraternal relations with Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, then I recommend that it recognize York Grand Lodge also.

During the year I have touched every angle of Masonry and have found it very human, very liable to err, and ever, striving for something higher, something nobler.

My year's service has made me a broader and a more humble man.

Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man.
Beautiful calm when the course is run;
Beautiful twilight at set of sun;
Beautiful death with a life well done.

The donations to the Masonic Home and School amount to \$498,326, a splendid example of concrete philanthropy showing what will be done when there is a definite object to benefit and endow.

Membership 135,800. Net increase 3,026.

Grand Orator Gallaher lived up to his name, saying:

Masonry is pure and free, or else a huge tragedy. A tradition is just as sacred as an established fact, and we may be well content to adopt the accepted truth, that under the present distinctive name of Masonry this institution, guild, cult or by

whatsoever name it may have been known in past centuries, represents the oldest such association of ideals that history records.

A fraternity which embodies in its fundamentals those principles which humanize the heart and impel all within its influence to realize duties which no human law teaches and which the development of universal fraternalism alone can stimulate into action.

Masonry is pure because its principles emanate from the Source of all Purity, Light and Love. I deliberately use the word "pure" because it is defined as meaning "real, perfect and complete, without mixture or combination and free from that which may harm, or weaken or destroy."

A man is what he does.

"Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the faults I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me."

The Committee on Service and Education quote approvingly:

Long enough, brethren, has Masonry obscured its influence behind a veil of secrecy, in which it passively taught its Sublime Lessons of life and then supinely left to other people and to other agencies the function of purveying and proclaiming them to our fellowmen. Too much have we whispered within our tiled sanctums, too little have we spoken in the outer courts of the Temple, of the glorious things for which Masonry stands and has ever stood.

A Masonic Service address was given by Bro. Lively. The following extracts will illustrate his style and matter:

It requires the Mason to divest his mind of selfishness and prejudice and possess a desire for new knowledge and prepare himself to learn the truth wherever it may be found. "The Truth shall make you free."

Then occurred an unusual incident, when the two wives of the G.M. and the incoming G.M. were introduced in the following words:

Brethren, I want to make my word good. I promised you this afternoon that I would introduce to you the good lady who Brother Fly contends wrote my report for me (laughter).

And I now take great pleasure in introducing to you the power behind the throne, my wife (applause, followed by the entire Assembly rising as a mark of respect for Mrs. Bryan). She would make a speech if I would let her.

Brethren, I don't know whether this is according to the ritual or not, but it answers the purpose splendidly. We are purged.

It has been suggested that perhaps it would be best not to spoil the evening's entertainment and the impressions made upon you by this splendid entertainment that has been given us by the children of our deceased brethren.

Texas declined to give its approval to the National Masonic Sanatorium Association and disclaimed responsibility therefor.

As to Insurance Companies insuring Masons only, the Committee says:

Say as we have ever said to the individual Mason of Texas, insure when and where you please; this is your prerogative and with which we have nothing to do, but at the same time declare to any and all comers that as Masons, you shall not ply your secular business within this Grand Jurisdiction, while that business is operating in the name or credit of Masonry.

Only a Master Craftsman could orally report as P.G.M. Andrew L. Randell did on behalf of the Masonic Home and School and Service Association. His speech was a vital contribution to the Craft.

In the list of Grand Representatives our Grand Secretary's name appears instead of this reviewer. He is in every way a worthy substitute, but this reviewer is very proud of his direct connection with Texas and wants to be on the Honor Roll.

From the Correspondence Report of M.W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., we take these worthy thoughts:

In perusing the proceedings of our Sister Grand Lodges, your Committee has been deeply impressed with the almost universal endeavor of Freemasonry throughout the English-speaking world, at least, to press forward with vigor and success, on two great goals of the Fraternity—Service and Education.

Both purposes are taking various and interesting forms.

Wherever we turn there are homes for the aged, homes and schools for the orphan children, hospitals for crippled children, provision for the victim of the great white plague, and great relief organizations for the unfortunate sojourner stranded upon the barren shores of life's uncertain seas.

The story of the glory of all of these great accomplishments has just begun.

Canada is not included in the reviews of M.W. Bro. Fly although indexed (as Ontario) in the index report.

Our colleague presents an admirable perspective with prose and poetry intermingled.

We cannot too often reprint this verse:

I called my men from my trenches,
 My quarries, my wharves and my sheers;
 All I had wrought I abandoned
 To the faith of the faithless years.
 Only I cut on the timber—
 Only I carved on the stone,
 "After me cometh a Builder;
 Tell him, I, too, have known."

Under England we find this:

This Grand Lodge has no report of Reviews. Just to keep it going, we quote:

A king can make a gartered knight,
 And breathe away another;
 But he, with all his skill and might,
 Can never make a brother.
 This power alone, thou Mystic Art,
 Freemasonry is thine;
 The power to take the savage heart,
 With brother-love sublime.

Under Florida he records this approved ruling:

In two instances the Grand Master "refused to authorize the Grand Secretary to furnish a list of the names of Particular Lodges and their Secretaries to "parties desiring to circularize the lodges regarding products made by them."

Mississippi furnishes food for thought and comment.

Grand Master's Address carries the title or designation, "Roses and Thorns," and his prologue being as interesting as the fixing of the above title is unique, we reproduce in part.

"You're as welcome as the sunshine that drives the clouds
 away,
 You're as welcome as the restful night that ends the restless
 day.
 You're as welcome as the dew drops that kiss the flow'rs
 to life,
 You're as welcome as the kindly words that end the bitter
 strife.

Oregon receives most comprehensive treatment and he finds a treasure house of poetry therein. Part of this authology we quote without apology.

THE BUILDERS

Here are bricks and there is mortar for ye, build—

✻ Build houses, castles, sanctuaries, and idols for your joy.
 There is color, and there is gold for ye to gild
 Your palaces, your statuary; and Time will all destroy.

There is toil, and there is sorrow for ye, build—
Build cares, fears, and anxiety, till Death takes ye away.
There are foes in hate and jealousy so skilled,
Can tarnish fame and glitterings, and you'll have nought
to say.

Here is truth, and there is wisdom for ye, build—
Build kindness, virtue, charity, and for such works you
may
Depend that there is much space which may be filled
With greater, stronger monuments than time can wash
away.

"You never can tell when you send a word,
Like an arrow shot from the bow
By an archer blind, be he cruel or kind,
Just where it will chance to go.

"It may pierce the heart of your dearest friend,
Tipped with its poison or balm,
To a stranger's heart in life's great mart
May carry its pain or its calm.

"You never can tell when you do an act,
Just what the result will be,
For with every deed you are sowing a seed
Though its harvest you never may see.

"Each kindly act is an acorn dropped
In God's productive soil,
Though you may not know yet the trees will grow
And shelter the brows that toil.

"You never can tell what your thoughts will do,
And bring you hate or love,
For thoughts are things and their eerie wings
Are swifter than carrier dove;

"They follow the law of the universe,
Each thing must create its kind,
And often as not in truth to bring back
The things that went out of your mind."

Texas' Proceedings are big as well as great.

UTAH

M.W. Brother Benjamin R. Howell, Grand Master.

On the title page of the Proceedings is printed this admonition and instruction:

It is the duty of each Worshipful Master to have the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge read in open lodge that no brother can plead ignorance of the transactions of the Grand Lodge.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Communication was held at Salt Lake City, January 19th, 1926, with no less than fourteen Past Grand Masters in this relatively small Jurisdiction faithfully present and supporting the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

The Representatives of the Royal Arch, Knights Templar and Scottish Rite of Utah and Nevada were then conducted to the East and all responded to the invitation of the Grand Master to speak:

Brethren, the mother of all of the higher degrees in Masonry is here holding her Annual Communication. I think we all enjoy hearing from the heads of the various children, if I may so speak, of this mother of ours. I am going to ask all these gentlemen to say a word to you.

The Representative of the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital which was opened a year ago, stated that they have been running full capacity and 104 children have been discharged.

The Grand Master wields a ready pen, saying among other things:

In each lodge there are matters of importance that the officers of the Lodge wish to discuss with the Grand Lodge officers and the Grand Lodge officers owe it to the officers of the several constituent lodges to afford opportunity on the occasion of these annual visitations for the giving of such advice as may be either desired or necessary.

The automobile enables the Grand Lodge officers to visit even the remotest of the constituent lodges with a minimum expenditure of time, but I share with some of our Past Grand Masters the feeling that sometimes our visitations are all too hurried.

At the visitation in Salt Lake, a bon mot was said which I deliberately record here in order that it may be preserved for the benefit of all those—and they comprise the entire Craft of Utah—who know and love the subject of it. Judge McCrea, in the course of a whimsical address which greatly enlivened

the evening's proceedings, alluded to the subject of landmarks, a topic dear to the heart of the Masonic controversialist, and rehearsed a dialogue between two Masons who were discussing this matter, in which, after the subject of landmarks had been discussed, one asked the other how many land marks there are in Utah, to which the other replied, "There is only one and it is not an it, but a he, and his name is Sam Henry Goodwin."

From his decisions we select the following:

Recommenders upon petitions of sojourners in the naval and military service of the United States must have known the candidate **personally** for at least one year.

The original dimit meets the requirements of our law relative to affiliation. The fact that it is over twenty years old and the use that was made of it, are matters with which the members of Mt. Moriah Lodge only are concerned, they being the sole judge of the qualifications of their members.

I do not think that the trial of Masonic charges ought to be unduly delayed because the court proceeding, for some reason or other, is not finished promptly.

You should make a strong statement to your lodge on several occasions showing them how entirely the divulging of any Masonic matter of this sort is a violation of their obligations.

Valuable historical Bulletins have been issued by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Goodwin, and form a priceless addition to the archives.

As to Masonic Funerals the Grand Master says:

Our Fraternity often makes a very poor impression upon the public upon practically the only occasions when it appears in public, namely, at funerals, because of thoughtlessness on the part of the brethren and lack of familiarity on the part of the officers and brethren with the funeral ritual.

The brethren also ought to be cautioned by their officers to refrain from smoking on such occasions and from loud conversation or laughter while the members are in view of the public.

A booklet called "Preparation" from the volume "A Master's Wages" published by the Masonic Service Association, is presented to all applicants elected to receive Degrees.

Of the selections and qualifications of Secretaries the Grand Master says that a Secretary might be likened to the hub of a wheel and if he is the right kind of man he is the centre of lodge activities and that he ought to be a seasoned member.

Circumspection and secrecy are enjoined in the following words:

All Masters of Lodges who have heard this statement made, take occasion on returning to their respective lodges to warn the brethren that all that takes place within the four walls of the lodge or about its business is sacred and must not be repeated to those not bound to secrecy.

Under Necrology the Committee quote:

"That man may last, but never lives,
Who much receives but nothing gives."

The pamphlet on "Mormonism and Masonry" has been reprinted. The Grand Secretary in his able report says:

A Master Mason, ignorant of the work he is supposed to know, stammering out a forced apology to the examining committee of a strange lodge he would like to visit, and possibly turning away humiliated, unable to meet with his brethren—this is a picture that does not appeal to Utah Masons. No upstanding man is desirous of subjecting himself to any such experience. Nor does a man want to be admitted as a visitor to a lodge, after such a confession of ignorance, because the examining committee is pitifully sympathetic and permits him to "get by".

The Grand Librarian, Bro. Goodwin is eloquent in his advocacy of this great factor in the life and light of so many Grand Jurisdictions. He says:

No vision of things to be; no inspiring, beckoning ideal would remain to spur us on to find the limits of our capacity.

"From lower to the higher next,
Not to the top, is Nature's text."

A book without an index, in these days when all sorts of insistent claims on our time dog our steps and tug at our purposes, is a snare and a delusion, and worse. It is a progenitor of scattered and of unhallowed thoughts; an effective bar, often, to an entrance upon that highway which opens out into that delightful land where flourishes the Tree of Knowledge. A Library with its treasures locked up within the sealed walls of cloth and cardboard which encase its volumes, and with no key, or clue, or immediate means of coming at those treasures, is an anomaly not to be tolerated.

F. M. Nye was elected Grand Master and the signet ring was duly transmitted by Bro. Howell to his successor.

A historical section covers many pages, with most interesting illustrations.

Utah is represented in Canada by Harry P. Stoneman and Canada is represented by R. J. Turner.

The Report on Correspondence is prefaced by an excellent picture of the author, the epitome of the Craft, S. H. Goodwin, P.G.M., who in his introduction says:

The present writer has often observed that the beginnings of things have a perennial interest—a charm and fascination—for thoughtful people.

Pondering on things seen, and puzzling over the riddle of the universe and of existence, a solution was finally reached that has satisfied many, which some unknown thinker put into the majestic language later given place as the opening words of the Great Light.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

We profess to be seekers after Truth.

Why should any man, if in his right mind, assert that Masonry had a beginning "coeval with the dawn of creation"? that it existed "before the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Or why declare that it has been found that Masonry was practiced in the Garden of Eden, or foolishly if not blasphemously affirm that members of the Trinity were the three officers of the first Lodge! In the opinion of the present writer a man who can stand unblushingly, in the presence of his peers and give voice to such absurdities, is sick—he should have the sympathetic attention of a skilled "nut"-doctor!

Personally, we prefer the Mormon prophet's story of the origin of our society as it appears in his "Holy Scriptures, Translated and Corrected by the Spirit of Revelation." He tells us that Satan made Cain a "Master Mahan" so that he might slay his brother Abel, and escape the consequences of his crime. (Gen. 5:14-16, 35, 37).

But why disseminate such unmitigated nonsense?

Brethren of the Round Table, have we no responsibility in this matter? Why should we speak only "smooth things", and "prophecy deceits" by our silence, when we meet with such burlesques of our honorable Fraternity? Why not try the pillory?

Canada we regret to see, does not come within his friendly vision, though British Columbia and other Provinces are generously treated.

Wyoming furnishes most interesting matter in connection with the attitude of the Mormon Church, and a general discussion on Landmarks, Bro. Goodwin denying the authority of any man or body of men to define exactly what the indispensable landmarks are.

Under the guidance of this wonderful man, whose sources of information are world wide, we get a real glimpse of German Freemasonry from German sources, and knowing that it will be of new and great interest to our Brethren everywhere, we share liberally with them the excerpts made from German Lodge papers with some few enlightening comments:

The fact is matter of common knowledge that the Grand Lodges of Germany, early in the great struggle, now happily a thing of the past, joined in a letter to the Masonic world, in which they declared their fixed purpose to stand alone, and to have naught to do with Masonry of any other country. To this purpose they still strictly adhere. This fact, however, does not remove them and their doings beyond the ken of the interested and observant Mason.

The controversy of the National Union of Retired German Army and Navy Officers with the Old Landmark Freemasons is very bitter.

The officers assert that the lodges are not alone unpatriotic but are trying to have connection again with French Lodges, who, they claim, lost all human instinct towards their German Brethren; but also that the German Grand Lodges are controlled by Jews, etc. The officers' union has a large membership, many times more than all the German Masons (F. & A.M.) combined. This society is very antagonistic towards Masonry either by religion, politics, or prejudice. The Anti-semitic members are in the majority and are governing this body.

Of "The Masonic Year" prepared by Brother Clegg, and published in Chicago, the magazine reviewer speaks in flattering terms, and then proceeds to give the German point of view on certain subjects touched on in the "Masonic Year", or suggested by it, which to the Utah writer are most interesting and informing. Here, for instance, he notes a difference between American and German Freemasonry:

Among many utterances in the volume we come upon many with which we were familiar, but do not mention or take notice of in our literature as they have been assimilated in our blood and flesh.

By it we know—and Brother Clegg will not construe ill—that the humus which we labor upon and cultivate and from which the golden fruit of Humanity will take root and sprout forth for us, is distinctly another soil than over there.

We have levied and raised a specific German Freemasonry which no land on earth can imitate or copy."

The desire is expressed that in the next year-book Brother Clegg will make mention.

"* * * * of the German-American Freemasons in America and also of the brave flourishing little band with its

seat in Chicago, the "German-American Freemasons' Alliance" The Reviewer feels that it is always right and good to look away over our walls and thereout to see that we as Germans have a right to be more self-conscious.

To make brief, may it clearly be stated here: That we as Germans and Masons march ahead of the foremost column.

For Depth—Humanity (vertiefung);

For Spiritualization (vergeistigung).

And the Superior Faculty of the mind (veremueht lichung).

Regretfully we see in "der Tag" of August, 1925, large pictures of 8,000 eating, probably we may say, gluttonizing Freemasons. There was a banquet of gigantic measure participated in by all the English Grand Lodges.

We question: Is this Freemasonry?

We question: Have these brethren which although related with the American brethren in blood and thought, have they a right to call themselves Freemasons? Or are they a recreation or salutary society?

We must put this oddness on the pillory when we hear that this kind of Freemasonry pondered long to graciously have communications with us again in the interest of nursing and fostering of the great Masonic Thought.

We say to the papers edited over there who are in the good cause and which may be the most serious and full of earnestness, that German Freemasonry will not be overcome with the Formula Spirit.

We are stewards of precious possessions, which are not alone our possessions, but the possessions of the German Nation: Their Spiritual life blood, the mental condition, slumbering deeply in the hearts of the German people as their precious possessions.

This is the rich inheritance in the wealth of mind and thought by a nation who with Lessing, Herder, Goethe, Schiller and torchbearers of enlightenment such as Kant and Fichte unique with Bach, Haydn Beethoven, Mozart, Wagner, gave to the German nationality the pedestal for the Altar from which their Ideals shine forth.

Nothing like a "guid conceit o' oursels"! "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

VERMONT

We regret that the Proceedings of our friends and neighbours from Vermont have not been received at the time of closing this Review. We will have a double instalment for next Report.

VICTORIA

M.W. Brother His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., Grand Master.

M.W. Brother F. T. Hickford, M.A., LL.B., Pro Grand Master.

Quarterly Communication was held at St. Kilda, 17th March, 1926.

Many distinguished visitors from other Australasian Grand Lodges were welcomed.

Canada was represented by R.W. Bro. W. Kemp.

R.W. Bro. R. Mackenzie Kirkwood presented his Patent as Representative of Scotland. He is described as "a great Australian Scotsman".

The Benevolent Fund totals £92,566.

Of applications of candidates the Grand Secretary says that this is a subject upon which much can be written, and that many lodges do not comply properly with the appointment of a responsible Committee of enquiry.

The term of office of the Earl of Stradbroke having expired, M.W. Bro. W. P. Bice was chosen as Grand Master.

Membership 42,090. Net increase 3,698. No less than 32 new lodges were consecrated during the year.

The retiring Grand Master in an eloquent address said that Grand Lodge had conducted 171 installation functions. He refers to the shock sustained by the terrible disaster caused by the bush fires and the adequate methods of relief adopted, to which sister Jurisdictions contributed.

He says that the strength of every large Institution like Masonry depends on the manner in which it coincides with the requirements of the community. Mere

popularity is often so ephemeral that enquiry is necessary to discover the age of any organization and the principles underlying its aims and constitution. After all, in the main, moral incentives predominate. Marcus Aurelius is quoted as saying:—"Every man is worth just as much as the things are worth about which he busies himself". Matthew Arnold has finely said "the object of systems of morality is to take possession of human life, to save it from being abandoned to passion or allowed to drift at hazard."

At the Grand Installation many odes were sung by a great Masonic choir of 100 voices.

Grand Master Bice said that the Earl of Stradbroke was leaving with us an abiding and fragrant memory.

He referred to bodies who are masquerading under Masonic titles such as Co-Masonry, etc., but he commended the T. O. C. U., the Big Brother and the Boy Scouts Organizations.

"Freemasonry", he said, "draws its membership from all parties and all religions. It is far better to make Freemasons by the hundred than members by the thousand—better to erect a strong fence at the top of the cliff than to maintain an ambulance at the bottom."

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with the first verse of the National Anthem and the recessional ode "Onward, Brother Masons."

M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C., represents Victoria.

Quarterly Communication was held at Melbourne, 16th June, 1926.

The Grand Master directed that the Third Degree should be conferred at regular meetings only "so that our candidates may have their first impression confirmed."

A wireless message was sent to the new Governor, Lord Somers.

At the close of the meeting there was a pleasing episode when the G.D. of C. said "will all Brethren from the Country Lodges please rise?" They were then speci-

ally welcomed and invited to the supper-room. This also was repeated at the close of the next Quarterly Communication.

The Quarterly Communication 15 December, 1926, was fully attended.

His Excellency the Governor of the State, Lord Somers was welcomed in the dual capacity of Representative of the King and as an installed Master of the Craft. R.W. Bro. Chevallier Boutell, District Grand Master of South America, representing the Grand Lodge of England was also welcomed.

The Grand Secretary condemned the practice of permitting non-Masons (including ladies) to inspect the lodge rooms, which are consecrated to Masonic purposes.

The Duke of York was reluctantly compelled to refuse Masonic invitations during his visit.

Lord Somers, a Past Master of the celebrated Household Brigade Lodge, in which the Prince of Wales was initiated, was nominated and elected unanimously as Grand Master and he was assured that his wages would be the love and loyalty of his Brethern. Lord Somers modestly replied and asked them to realize what it means to be summarily elevated from a junior subaltern to the command of an Army Corps.

M.W. Bro. Bice was appointed Pro Grand Master.

The Foreign Correspondence Report by Bro. William Stewart, Grand Secretary, is a model of condensation.

He says in his foreword "there are ties which unite each Jurisdiction in one common bond, and it is only right that Brethren should know what is going on under lawfully constituted authority."

The Jurisdictions are reviewed chiefly by the Grand Representatives, Canada by R.W. Bro. Kemp, who quoted with approval from the Grand Master's address of 1926, saying "those in authority in our own Grand Lodge know how true these words are." He speaks of the many able and active minds devoted to the Craft that we possess.

VIRGINIA

Charles H. Callaghan, M.W. Grand Master.

Several Emergent Communications held for the purpose of laying corner-stones are recorded. In the account of one we take the following from the

Address of President Emeritus of Western Reserve University, and President of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

We are assembled in one of the historic places, not only of the new, but of the whole, world. Its significance unites political and academic, national and international, history. It represents both Mars and Minerva. It bears back the imagination to the first attempt to found a college on the North American continent on the banks of the James, a foundation laid twenty years before the beginning of the college on the banks of the Charles, an attempt which ended in a lamentable failure through massacre. It also carries the historian back to the granting of a charter under the persuasiveness of the great Blair, by the gracious sovereigns, William and Mary, a charter unique in American Academic annals.

Grand Lodge was also called on one occasion to attend an entertainment given by the Children of the Home, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond, February 9th, 1926, our old friend, M.W. Bro. Eggleston being of course present as Grand Treasurer.

A telegram from Quebec was received with pleasure "From the North to the South Quebec greets Virginia at its annual session. Pax Vobiscum".

The Grand Master's address is indeed masterly and if we have to cut other proceedings short to keep within limits in order to quote him copiously and generously, we feel justified.

Among other outstanding sentences our Brethren will delight to read the following:

Masonry challenges no man's political or religious affiliations, wages no campaign for supremacy among its contemporary fraternal orders and in an exemplification of its cardinal virtues and a conservative application of true benevolence seeks to render unselfish service to the cause of humanity.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."
This great truth is as apparent in modern as in ancient times, in temporal as in Divine affairs.

As we look back through the dim vistas of the past, to the birthday of our speculative institution we are forced to the conclusion that this same Omnipotent and All Wise influence selected as His instrument James Anderson, the humble Scotch prelate, to collate and compile those enduring principles upon which our order is founded as a part of the Divine concept in the onward march and moral uplift of the human race.

Abreast of the times in all philanthropic work it deserves and receives in a fuller measure than ever before the endorsement and admiration of the most enlightened leaders in every calling and profession of world affairs.

Under Necrology he feelingly says:

We cannot withhold the thought that the spirit of every true and loyal brother which takes its flight from a temporal abode adds another to the long list of celestial advocates in the Ethereal Court to champion the cause of that noble institution whose principles so completely harmonize and accord with those of the Divine Teachers.

The two Homes of Virginia are their jewels and of one he writes:

No enterprise conceived or fostered by this Grand Lodge affords greater opportunity for constructive service to its membership than the Old Folks' Home movement with its collateral features. The plan consists of at least three important objects, first a home for aged Masons and their dependents; second, wards at our State Tubercular Sanitariums for prompt, economic and scientific treatment of Masonic patients or members of their families; third, the endowment fund to maintain these enterprises.

Over the Young Folks' Home he of course is naturally enthusiastic and inspired:

Harmony prevails and the most gratifying spirit of co-operation obtains between the Board and the Superintendent and his assistants, as well as between the children and those in authority and from this angle it can be truly said that our Young Folks' Home is now in every essential quality "a house of happiness." The place I believe is governed almost entirely by a spirit of paternal affection on the part of those in charge and this kindly spirit is returned in full by the children who are conscious of their happy situation.

He handsomely acknowledges the handsome co-operation of Grand Chapter, who have levied a dollar per capita for this noble philanthropy.

His Delaware reception is so unique that we reproduce his glowing account in full:

I visited LaFayette Lodge of Wilmington, Delaware, and even at the risk of establishing a reputation for egotism, one

of the most loathsome of all human frailties and which I hope can never be justly charged to me, I must briefly describe this meeting. The elaborate ceremonial, including the banquet, was under the supervision of the vigilant and tireless worker, Harry Lowe, a rough diamond in the field of Masonry, a peerless host whom all from the Grand Master down love and respect. It was "Callahan Night," according to the program and Callahan's picture spoiled the front page of the menu. There were several hundred guests present at the banquet and at a given point the pressing of a button started an electric fan in the rear of Virginia's Grand Master. This in turn unfurled an American flag directly in front, the orchestra played the National Anthem while the audience simultaneously rose and sang in unison with the spirit of the occasion. Immediately upon the conclusion of this feature and by an ingenious electrical arrangement a white dove which the taxidermist had made very lifelike attached to an almost invisible wire glided from the opposite side of the hall holding in its claw a package and an envelope. This bird of peace stopped its mechanical flight immediately above the head of the Grand Master of Virginia. Brother Lowe released the envelope and the package which contained first a letter of felicitation from the members of LaFayette Lodge to your Grand Master and Virginia, and second a beautiful and costly souvenir with an appropriate inscription on one side and an engraving of the Memorial to Washington on the opposite. In no instance, have I been more profoundly touched than by this beautiful tribute from a foreign jurisdiction which adds another testimonial to the high esteem in which Virginia Masons are held even beyond the limits of our good old Commonwealth for this honor I conceive was to the Grand Master and not the individual.

Among his decisions he held (1) that a lodge is prohibited from receiving the proceeds from card games of any description, (2) that a brother who had not paid any dues for a year was one year in arrears, (3) that no lodge has a right to send out petitioning letters or circulars to other lodges without authority of the Grand Master.

Of Masonic literature he shows a discriminating taste:

Many of the so-called Masonic publications of to-day possess little, if any, merit from either a literary or educational standpoint. Most of such publications are purely commercial enterprises operated for selfish gain. To subscribe to such literature encourages radicalism, a spirit foreign to the true purpose of Freemasonry. While Virginia is not a member of the Masonic Service Association and I am not recommending that we become such nevertheless after personal investigation, I am convinced that this Association is furnishing at minimum cost

as clean, instructive and reliable class of literature as can be obtained from any source in this country and this applies to their books, bulletins and magazine, "The Master Mason."

I wish again to call your particular attention to our little paper, "The Herald", published at the Masonic Home.

He recommends that \$10 be collected for the Homes from every initiate or affiliate:

The moment a man becomes a Master Mason or is accepted as a member by dimit, either from this or a foreign jurisdiction, he has a just claim not only upon the lodge in which he is made a member, but upon every benefaction of the Grand Lodge. From prattling innocent childhood to venerable and helpless old age the mantle of sympathy and the strong arm of a great organization is thrown around him and those that are dear to him for protection and security in all stages of life.

His conclusions in every way worthy of citation:

The white capped nurse and the skilled physician will stay the ravages of the devouring "White Plague" in the sanitariums of the Masonic foundation. This is to me the condition which looms in the foreground of Virginia Masonry, not as an ugly and forbidding ghost to frighten and deter our progress, but a priceless goal of constructive service, an objective of high purpose worthy of the noble struggle to win. Masonry has come down to us a boon from the past exalted by the courage and chastened by the sacrifice of our fathers. If we are fit heirs for the legacy, and merit the dower then we will bear the burdens which the future brings.

By united and constant effort I believe we have passed the zone of stagnant indifference. Let us not turn back to the days of apathy, but strive to attain the meridian of success. We are climbing the heights of nobler purpose to a broader sphere of usefulness, let us press on the summit that we may look down from the crest of achievement upon fields of activity rich and redolent with the fruits of our labor. With a courage unflinching and a zeal undiminished, let us bear the banner of Masonry, the symbol of virtue and of honor, triumphant in every line of constructive service that the generations coming on may look upon this era with a sense of unfeigned gratitude and with one accord acclaim "Well done."

Fifty-nine D.D.G.M's make admirably perspicuous reports.

The name of every Mason in Virginia is printed in the proceedings, a personal record.

Canada is represented by Bro. William S. Pettit of Richmond.

Virginia is represented by Bro. T. H. Brunton of Newmarket.

The Foreign Correspondence is again in the scholarly and Craftsmanlike hands, heart and head of M.W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, the grand old man and soldier.

Under Alabama he urges that Masons should let politics alone. He holds views that are not cribbed, cabined and confined. Witness this:

One of the decisions was that it was not a Masonic offense to worship in a Catholic Church.

Good sense. When will all learn that we draw no lines on religion? We once knew a case in which a man had petitioned a lodge and there was evidence that his wife was a Catholic and some were inclined to think he, too, was because he had permitted his wife to have a Priest visit him when very ill, as a comfort to her. A conference was privately held at which a Baptist clergyman was present. Asked for his opinion he said: "I would greatly prefer to admit a good honest Catholic than a hickory Baptist." That settled it.

Under Alberta he quotes in full Dr. Thornton's lofty address on the great symbol of the Craft, introducing it thus:

For obvious reason we quote the following in full. Many, if not most, of the formal orations we see contain nothing but platitudes and tell the average Mason nothing he did not already know. We submit that this one will deeply interest the most scholarly of our readers.

We would like to do the same. At the end he thus speaks:

Aside from the interesting Masonic information contained in the above wonderful address, we were struck with the impression made by the "five". Perhaps it goes far to explain why Masons have so long been forbidden to make more than five Entered Apprentices in any one day. Note that the male "Three" Osiris, and the female "Four" Isis, produce a "Five" Horus, only.

Under British Columbia he says:

We had thought that Alberta had probably incorporated their lodges because of some Canadian law making it necessary, but he explains that his own jurisdiction is also under Canadian law and that they forbid incorporation as does Virginia.

The address delivered for M.W. Bro. Drope, prepared by D.G.M. Rowland and Grand Secretary Logan is largely quoted from and commented upon. He reviews the work of Grand Lodge and kindly speaks of our own review. Under his critical analysis of it he says:

Bro. Ponton wrote the splendid Foreign Correspondence Report. We have his promise to make an address at the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Richmond Lodges.

We have "The Constitutions of Masonry" only, as our fixed and binding law. We have a Digest of our Statute Laws which we can amend, alter, or repeal at will. We hold to the prerogative of the Grand Master to temporarily set aside any of those laws when he thinks it best for the good of the Craft. In recess he is the Grand Lodge. This has always been our law and ours is the senior of all the Grand Lodges as now organized, dating from 1778.

His selections from Grand Master Price were short, but numerous, each well selected. We wish he had been more liberal with his comments, for he is a brainy man and one of the few we have known who knows how to take fiendly criticism.

We are glad to see that he and his Grand Lodge are in accord with Virginia in opposition to incorporation of lodges. We have never been able to understand the attitude of those who favor it as applied to Masonry. To make the argument short we will only call attention to the one point that an expelled Mason could bring suit for what he claimed to be his rights and even claim a share in lodge, or Grand Lodge, property.

He does not see eye to eye with us as to the necessity of more regular attendance of Grand Representatives and thus concludes his review of Canada:

Now Bro. Ponton we do not agree with you at all in the above and do not believe you will agree with yourself (our blood is largely Irish) when you think over the fact that these positions are not offices, entail no duties, but are complimentary appointments doing honor to the recipient. Many times they are the only chance to show respect and to honor (honour) those who cannot be otherwise recognized. Often they grow, or have grown, old, and cherish holding these small Honors as can hardly be realized. To let them die in the harness is as little as we can do, but we can do that.

With regard to a dramatic Masonic trial quoted in full under Texas he gives us the following illustrative comment:

"Brethren the moment that you consent to the principle that a Mason may be condemned on the unsupported accusation of one woman on a charge of this sort no one of us will be safe a day." The case was reversed and the accused acquitted and it subsequently developed that the whole matter was based on a conspiracy involving the disposition of an estate, to which the accused was chief prospective beneficiary, the woman and some others wishing to be. Along these lines let's go very slowly.

And while speaking under the same State he thus emphasizes an opinion which has become wide spread:

Our long standing rule is the law of many years. that in doubtful cases bury the man first and discuss it afterward. What harm is done even when the man had no claim and yet the family, whether or not they knew he had none, has requested a Masonic funeral, if we bury him anyhow? Masonry has lost nothing, the family have been soothed and gratified.

From the last page of his fine review we excerpt these paragraphs:

This has been a hobby of ours for many years. Masonic burial stands by itself. When a man, any man, is dead, all debate is at an end and if the family claim a right to, and ask for a Masonic burial it should be granted, not necessarily, as a matter of right, but the request should never be denied. No matter what the situation no possible harm is done and sore hearts are soothed by a kindly act. All a man's faults, failings and disabilities should be buried, without discussion, in the ground with the body which he had inhabited.

We sometimes wonder how many realize the importance of the existence of the York of Mexico. There is danger to Masonry looming in the future and when it culminates the existence of this body, together with its name is going to be an item of great value.

WASHINGTON

M.W. Morton Gregory, Grand Master.

The Biographer of the Grand Master says this of him, and he looks it:

"Kings bestow decorations upon those whom they delight to honor; but that man is most highly decorated who has the confidence and esteem of his friends."

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication was held in Spokane 15th June, 1926. Nineteen Past Grand Masters delighted the eyes and hearts of their brethren.

The address of welcome and the reply were worthy of the occasion. We quote:

Who are we? We are a brotherhood with one belief—one hope—one aim.

A belief that the making of good men is a contribution to the world's good: one hope—that this society of ours will not only encircle the globe in numbers but in influence:—one aim—that all strifes shall end by the practice of that truly Masonic virtue "Love one another."

As such, your brothers of Spokane welcome you. This is your temple—our temple; this is your work—our work; this is your welcome—our welcome; a family reunited—all brothers. We rejoice.

The world will witness the sunrise when Masonic truths become the universal practice of mankind.

We are only men and Masons—plain men, if you please—, and we would have you know us only for what we are. "For they change their skies above, but not their hearts who roam."

The Grand Master in the opening of his address devoted to Departed Brethren, quotes from Whittier.

"Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own!"

He delivered 126 addresses, travelled nearly 25,000 miles and wrote 2,200 letters, a record rather.

He thus describes one of his visits:

June 1, 1926. A Birthday Party. "And if I should live to be the last leaf upon the tree," all else forgot, the memory of the reception tendered me by the Lodges of Tacoma will be vivid.

He laid ten cornerstones during his year of office. How many do we in Canada lay on an average?

He conferred the secrets of the Chair to Masters and Past Masters in Alaska.

He refused four requested Dispensations to confer Degrees out of the statutory time—a good example of backbone.

He removed an unrepentent Worshipful Master from office for un-Masonic conduct.

Under Law and Order he speaks without reserve:

The great bulk of the undermining influence, gnawing at the foundations of our nation, emanates from those whose highest allegiance is pledged to powers not native to our soil. The names of most of them are scarcely pronounceable by the average American.

Time and again, this year, my mind has returned to that little red school-house on an Iowa hill, where was burned into my memory the words:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general

welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

"Straight thinking is necessary to straight doing." "There can be no true liberty without law." This nation—any nation—must be law ruled or mob ruled.

Of the condition of the Craft he says:

Under the stress of patriotic emotion we failed to fan the wheat sown while Mars was in ascendancy. And now in saner hours, we view our fields marred by harmful thistles, and one of these greedy thistles overshadows a thousand stalks of golden grain. They are in our field for what they can get, not what they yield.

Now to look the facts squarely in the face and remedy the defects.

The place to begin is at the beginning. There is a deplorable lack of feeling of responsibility on the part of some who recommend petitioners for degrees.

In the next place there is a woeful lack of responsibility felt by Investigating Committees. We are too ready to shirk responsibility.

If you, Masters and Wardens of our Lodges, give heed to anything I say, let it be this: When this Communication of Grand Lodge is over, return to your lodges resolved to see to it that investigating Committees do their full duty, that no stones may enter into our moral institution that are not Just, Right and True.

Many of us will echo his words on Degree Teams:

But the multitudinous, so-called degree teams, mostly of spectacular make-up, traveling around as advance agents for the advertising departments of various side degrees of Masonry, should be discouraged. If they are permitted to continue the "Barkers of the Side Show" will soon have control of the "Main Tent." Light, with dignity, will travel farther than sound with "Jazz."

With regard to Masonic funerals he asks the brethren to let their hearts be more tender in the future.

His words on Masonic Education are searching. Do we study?

It is the primary purpose of the institution to make Masons. To accomplish this, it spreads and communicates light

The next important thing is to study the institution at work. No Masonic Education is comparable to that which may be obtained by a careful study of the correspondence reports published by the various Grand Jurisdictions, the writers of which are among the brightest minds in the fraternity.

They are the men who know the compass and chart of Masonry and hold us to our ancient and traditional moorings. They are the writers and thinkers who give stability to our institution and lend charm to our Masonic literature.

In these reports you will find Masonry in action. There you will find the views and opinions of Masonic authorities throughout this and every country in the world. There, the Mason who desires a Masonic Education, using his knowledge of the ritual and work of his own jurisdiction, as a foundation and guide, will uncover a wealth of symbolism, history and jurisprudence and a fundamental knowledge of Masonic practice and customs.

One who tries to assimilate Masonry by impression without expression will possess no real Masonry at all.

Among his decisions we find:

One accused of a Masonic offence refused to appear for trial, claiming that inasmuch as Section 234 had been repealed the Lodge could not try him in his absence. I advised the lodge to give the accused ample notice and proceed as if the Section were in force. The purpose of a Masonic trial is to render justice and a resort to legal technicalities has no place in Masonic procedure.

He thinks that sentiment is not all but it is much.
"Poor is the friendless master of a world".

Here are two unusual tributes:

Our Grand Secretary, Horace Walter Tyler, is the "Noblest Roman of them all," "the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up, and say to all the world." Here is a man—incarnation of honor—sagacious, without guile—a deep and tender heart—the Grand Master's friend—*Facile princeps*.

And lastly, but none the less sincerely, I am proud to acknowledge my indebtedness to one who for a quarter of a century has been my guiding star. She has cheerfully sacrificed, this year, and urged me to do my duty well. All honor to our wives who patiently submerge their own ambitions and keep the home fires burning while we go forth to win the amaranthine wreath.

Membership 46,409. Net gain 1,629.

The Grand Lecturer believes in learners, not leaners:

It is of far greater value to encourage addresses by members of lodges than to import talent, for it encourages us to think for ourselves instead of hiring others to do it for us. The world is full of volunteer thinkers, always ready to perform that function for us—indeed, there is one great society of professionals along that line, but the road to Mastership is not to be found by leaning on others.

Contracts have been let for over \$500,000 for the Masonic Home Building.

The Grand Orator being absent, Grand Master Gregory delivered an excellent address on the Fundamentals of Freemasonry covering many pages and closing with this verse:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

The Grand Historian delivered an erudite address.

The In Memoriam report quotes these expressive lines of Owen Meredith:

"No stream from its source flows seaward,
However so lonely its course,
But what some land is gladdened.
No star ever rose or set, without influence somewhere,
No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife,
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby."

The Committee on Jurisprudence makes no less than 12 reports. It is a power in the land.

The Master of the lodge at Fairbanks, Alaska, just one Degree and one-third south of the Arctic Circle, tendered the greetings of the brethren of that farthest north lodge.

Walter F. Meier, the present Grand Master, represents Canada, and Washington was represented by our veteran Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, recently deceased, who lived respected and died regretted.

M.W. Bro. Edwin H. Van Patten the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports:

We wish to report that we have discovered a great variety of burden bearers in this world of ours.

I have attempted nothing spectacular, but have sincerely tried to give you an honest epitome of what is being done and said in other Grand Jurisdictions. I hope that some of you, at some time, will read some of them.

From his introduction we take the following sentences:

We all realize the need for a better understanding of the Masonic Institution itself. Its history, its philosophy, its great moral teaching are worthy of our best efforts in getting them properly placed before the brethren.

The education of such children of Masons as are unfortunate enough to have lost father and mother, and, therefore become dependent upon Masonry for their upbringing, places a considerable burden upon the Fraternity, which is fortunately being taken care of by our Masonic Homes, and these children are in most instances being educated in the public schools. This is all well and good.

Some Grand Lodges have gone further than this, and are furnishing means of giving such wards a still higher education. This is better still.

We all realize that the knowledge of the Masonic ideal is but little understood by Masons themselves, and that individual Masons are woefully lacking in that knowledge of the institution which ought to exist. There seems to be a shifting of Masonic ideals from the necessary things which naturally belong to the institution, to a wider humanitarian view point.

We have enough, as an institution, for our natural activities, without taking on those extraneous matters which, while splendid in and of themselves, yet do not pertain especially to Masonry.

As to the letter G under Alberta he quotes Dr. Thornton and adds this sum to our knowledge:

This form he seems to think was the Greek gamma, which is in the form of a right angle or square, and this form has universally been considered as a representative of God. It also is the most important tool of the operative Mason, and thus is directly connected with "Ge"ometry or the measurements of the earth.

As to the forty-seventh problem of Euclid, which our ritual ascribes to Pythagoras, and upon the discovery of which he is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb, Bro. Thornton suggests that among early peoples it was a difficult matter to locate an exact angle of ninety degrees, and that the great discovery of Pythagoras was that by using the three sides of a right triangle whose relations were as 3-4-5, this problem could be easily solved, as is recognized by any one at all familiar with the principles of geometry. This discovery enabled all men to use the principles rightly, to always form a perfect square without fail.

Canada is favourably reviewed, our colleague saying:

The Proceedings of Canada, in Ontario, come to us in quite a sizable volume, which contains much of interest to the Craft, and we wish that we could give our readers an adequate idea of the work being done in our sister jurisdiction to the north.

Brother Adam Brown was received by rising and giving him three cheers and a tiger. His speech in response was interesting and well worth while.

In speaking of the relationship of the Lodges to the Grand Lodge, the G.M. says:

"And now may I attempt a word of warning? There are things which even Grand Lodge cannot do, and I am afraid that there is a growing tendency on the part of private lodges to pass on to Grand Lodge obligations which they can and should discharge."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are printed in full in the proceedings, and are reviewed afterwards by a committee on the condition of the Craft. The report of the committee accentuates the important points brought out in the reports of the District Deputies, in a concise form, and saves the necessity for a close reading of the actual reports.

This system seems to have some very pleasing features connected with it, and is worthy of careful study by other Grand Jurisdictions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Ponton. He reviews the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Jurisdictions in a masterly manner.

He regrets that Grand Master Holman did not recommend modifying and ameliorating the rigid regulations regarding physical perfection, and says: "We trust that the Brethren of Washington will soon recognize that theirs (and ours) is a Temple not made with hands."

Massachusetts gives him and us this information on Ireland:

The Irish Ritual is much like our own (Massachusetts) except that no part of it is dramatized. It is given throughout in the form of lecture and explanation. The Irish Ritual has never been committed to writing. The Obligation alone exists in official copies in the custody of the Grand Secretary. The rest has been transmitted from mouth to ear from the beginning of Irish Masonry.

Under Utah we find, and agree:

He goes on to suggest that the members of the round-table have a responsibility in this matter, instead of saying merely pleasant things, and by silence give consent to absurd and harmful crudities.

Good for Brother Goodwin; let us hear more in this line.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M.W. the Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master.

A striking and altogether charming picture of the distinguished Prelate, who has been Grand Master of this Jurisdiction for 21 years, precedes and adorns the Proceedings.

At the Quarterly meeting held at Boulder, 27th August, 1925, the Scottish District Grand Master was welcomed and saluted in due form.

The Grand Master through the Deputy, expressed the wish dearest to his heart, namely, to have all the lodges in Western Australia banded together in one fraternal body.

Here follows an adaptation from the Grand Lodge of Queensland of the two verses which we use in this form:

"The rose and the thistle, the shamrock and lys,
All bloom in one garden 'neath the maple tree"

The Australian version is:

"Now that the Thistle, Shamrock and Rose
Are entwined in the land where the Wattle Tree grows."

The delegation to Ireland mention the fact that prior to the Delegates assembling at the Freemasons' Hall the whole building was guarded by police, who remained at their posts until the Services had been completed. The following is a touch of Irish Craft history:

Early Freemasonry in Ireland is shrouded in mystery, and how long it existed before the Grand Lodge era no one knows. An old brass Square was discovered many years ago in an ancient bridge in Limerick, on which was inscribed a Masonic phrase—"I will strive to live with love and care upon the level by the square," together with the date 1507. There is a tablet on the walls of the Carrickfergus Church announcing that the work was begun in 1614 by Thomas Paps, Freemason.

At a Masonic Conference held in Adelaide matters of importance were discussed and Resolutions passed regarding them, including (1) uniformity of Modes of recognition; (2) intervals between degrees; (3) qualifications of candidates; (4) lodge meeting in unsuitable rooms; (5) Minimum fees and dues; (6) Limitation of membership, (7) admission of visitors, (8) an important and expressive factor—unattached or unfinancial brethren.

They suggested an Empire Masonic Conference. When will it eventuate? Let us build imperially.

Quarterly Communication was held 26th November.

From the Grand Master's address we clip this personal touch:

Some of you sent me flowers, some of you sent me beautiful fruit, and there was one brother who came regularly every week, who brought me flowers to cheer me up, he brought me eggs to make me stronger, and milk, not only of human kindness, but from his own cow, to help me in my weakness; and so you see there are compensations. When you get ill, that is the time you find out who are your friends.

The life of the late Queen—a life distinguished by sweet graciousness, personal charm and a kindness of heart, which won for her an abiding place in the affections of the British people.

“Her peasantry to her was more than pageantry or power,
Purity was her woman’s gem, her sweet soul craved no other,
She wore the triple diadem, queen, wife and mother.”

Quarterly Communication was held 25th February 1926.

From the Grand Master’s address we take this:

I have been obliged to refuse a great many requests. As all candidates are required to be of “mature years and sound judgment,” I do not consider it wise or in the best interests of the Craft to exercise my dispensing powers in favour of those who are mere boys, with a boyish outlook on life. There are exceptions, of course, where young men are qualified to shoulder responsibilities earlier than others, and such I am always prepared to consider, but as a rule lads under twenty-one should be obliged to wait.

On the Continent of Europe the prevailing age is twenty-five, although in some jurisdictions it is fixed at twenty-one. I give Grand Lodge this information in order to correct the impression that a Dispensation has only to be applied for to be granted.

On his re-election the Grand Master said:

Now and again somebody gets a bit obstreperous, but the others quieten him; I do not have to. But really in the Masonic fraternity I think there has been the utmost harmony and good will; in fact, personally I think of all the societies we have here in Australia, or in the world—there is no society like the Craft for binding men of different views, different thoughts, different ideas, together in one brotherhood.

When I have been on the railway these three times there have been no people in the State who seem to be more delighted to see me, often enginedrivers, stokers, porters, station masters, and all people connected with the railways, they say we will take you across, and they take me across in the hoist. I dare say there may be some railway men here; if there are I would like them to tell their comrades how much I appreciate the consideration and attention which they have always shown to me during the thirty years.

I can only hope that the Craft will proceed along the right road, and will do as well in the future as it has done in the past, and that it will be a great cementing link among the various peoples in this State, and let me say this, the first people who ought to be linked with us in our great Masonic mission are our Scottish Brethren.

The Annual Communication was held in Perth, 25th May, 1926.

The following statistics are given:

Since I was first installed, our lodges have increased from 69 to 124; our membership from 3,348 to 7,270; our General and Benevolent Funds from £3,538 to £46,323, and we have not been niggardly.

Ancient charge No. 6 is emphasized and it will do us no harm to read and mark it again:

You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

As to adverse balance sheets:

Big arrears usually indicate poor management.

The Grand Inspector of Workings made a full report.

The Board of Management of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund reported:

The work of the fund has now commenced to stand out in prominent relief, and the fact that nearly 100 children have been helped through the difficult stages of life and are now earning their own livelihood should be a source of pride and satisfaction to all those good brethren who have so kindly given their support.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say:

The reviews are of increasing interest every year, and as they contain a resume of all that is taking place in the world of Masonry, the volume is strongly recommended to those brethren who take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the Craft.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer roll call but sent an apology.

To the Grand Representatives the Grand Master said:

I suppose, when you get old, one of the delights of old age is to remember the friendships you made.

Canada is represented by H. B. Collett, and Western Australia is represented with us by W. J. Mooney.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is by Bro. J. B. Stevenson of Perth, Grand Secretary, assisted by George Barrett and James W. E. Archdeacon.

Under Alberta they quote:

One of the serious problems in the Fraternity to-day is to hold the interest of the members we now have, and prevent them from back-sliding. Non-attendance is the first step towards this unfortunate end. While the individual Mason has his duties to perform in this regard, the Lodge, in a great many instances, does not fully realize its tremendous responsibilities. In too many instances, the young Mason, after receiving his degree, is left to his own resources. He attends his lodge regularly, but he has nothing to do. Nothing is said or done, but what he has heard and seen before.

And thus comment under Arkansas:

The Superintendent of the Home says:—"We are trying to teach our children loyalty to Masonry. Two of our girls were recently initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star."

(Is this really "loyalty to Masonry?")

Under California we find:

There had not been a corresponding increase in interest or in attendance. He is convinced that we cannot make Freemasons too fast, but he is also convinced that we can and do make members too fast.

Canada is generously reviewed with ample quotation. Hear our colleagues with regard to the reception to Bro. Adam Brown; the three cheers and a tiger are printed in large type in their review:

On rising to respond, "Bro Adam Brown was received by all rising and giving **THREE CHEERS AND A TIGER**".

In most if not all Grand Lodge Constitutions, applause in Grand Lodge is prohibited. On exceptional occasions a breach of the Constitution is overlooked, but this is the first occasion on which we have heard of **CHEERS** in Grand Lodge—and with **A TIGER** too! Bro. Brown made an eloquent speech, which was received with more cheers. He is the worthy sire of Sir George McLaren Brown, recently appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Rules of Order were then read by the Grand Secretary. (Do these Rules allow "tigers" in Grand Lodge.)

We quite agree with him in so far as the cheers for the King are concerned. The Sovereign needs and should receive no "tiger". Bro. Brown was entitled to three times three.

Further comments are interesting:

Masonry is not a thing of to-day only or of a particular locality. It is a great system and a world-wide organization. It is built upon a foundation of mutual confidence and respect. Its usefulness, its very existence, depends upon the maintenance of a high standard of morality in its membership. It is a mistaken idea of our duties as Freemasons if we hesitate to purge the Order.

They reproduce this reviewer's speech in addressing veterans and make extracts from the excellent report on the Condition of Masonry and thus conclude with reference to our Review:

In his "afterword" he says the so-called smaller Jurisdictions have great big hearts and leaders of intellect and fervour. Rich material for study, with light and delight, are afforded by their Proceedings. The virus of unrest has found its serum. Masters are no longer obsessed by "counting heads." Members on paper are neither pillars, columns nor ornaments.

Western Australia is almost affectionately reviewed in four pages, and we feel we have established ourselves in favour with our Brother Knight of the Round Table.

This from Colorado shows the attitude of Australia to be clear and definite:

He approved the prohibition of the so-called "Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm," and also the Order of de Molay. The operations of the Ku Klux Klan had been insistent in attempting to attach the Klan to Masonry—or Masonry to the Klan—or both, and Grand Master reasoned well for the adoption of a Grand Lodge resolution enjoining all M.M's not to affiliate with the Ku Klux Klan, and, if affiliated to withdraw from it.

Irish hearts must glow at this merited commendation:

The Brethren of the Province have shown a commendable spirit in taxing themselves so that a strong Fund may help weak lodges, for the honour and credit of Masonry as a whole.

It is in actions such as this that Freemasonry in Ireland exemplifies in the highest degree many of those beautiful Masonic teachings, which are so often talked about (especially at Festive Boards) and so seldom seen in practice.

New York gives them opportunity for this comment:

Yet one does not find, as a rule, that where the social features play—say, an enthusiastically prominent part in lodge life, the desire for education increases. Indeed, it is too often the case, unfortunately, that it engenders the spirit expressed in the homely old words, "cut the cackle and get to the 'osses," the latter, of course, being the "Fourth Degree." Even more "advanced" is the Grand Master's suggestion that "consideration might well be given to the requirement that before an

application will be received from a candidate, he be required to read certain books of a Masonic character, list of which to be determined upon.

Scotland is reviewed with sympathetic kinship:

Reading over the names of those who hold high office in the Grand Lodge of Scotland is like reading a page of Scottish history.

We find this under historic Virginia:

We have aroused a dormant fraternal conscience to a sense of responsibility. Bro. Callahan, the task which you Virginian Craftsmen have set yourselves is truly "the mission of those who love in the service of those who suffer."

And these sentiments do credit to our colleagues the reviewers and to their Jurisdiction:

Does Freemasonry, or ought it, need to go outside its own circle and accept assistance to do those things which it should do itself. The writer, who, from personal experience, is acquainted with the Eastern Star in a number of American cities, has nothing but praise for the good intentions of its Chapters. But Masonry is a man's job, and part of that job is the practice of charity personally, rather than vicariously.

The review under Wyoming thus concludes with a question which we all should be willing and able to answer. Let us always be able to give a reason for the faith that is in us.

Is not Masonry itself big enough, grand enough, influential enough to make "Better Masons" without any adventitious aid from other bodies, however well intentioned?

WEST VIRGINIA

M.W. Bro. A. B. C. Bray, Grand Master.

With no less than nineteen Special Communications which are recorded, some of them for attending funerals of Past Grand Masters, the Proceedings deal with the Sixty-second Annual Communication held in Martinsburg, 10th November, 1926.

Eleven Past Grand Masters added dignity to the work.

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond.

The Grand Master in his annual address says:

Our duty to mankind still rests upon us. We must not falter. We must take up the burden which those before us were compelled to lay down.

Freemasonry, with the exception of the Church of God, stands out as the leading benefactor of mankind.

The Scythe of Death, during the preceding year, has not been inactive.

He declined to lay cornerstones on Sunday, though requested to do so by seven different congregations, adding to his ruling the following:

I would not be so extreme as to say that it is wrong to lay the cornerstone of a Church on Sunday, but I do not, on the other hand, approve of a departure from what I believe are ancient Masonic customs or usages.

With regard to Clubs and the responsibility of constituent lodges he says trenchantly:

I have since received from the Secretary of the above named club information relative to the urgent needs of a brother's widow and her young son.

After this club become cognizant of these urgent needs it supplied the information to the Grand Secretary, who promptly ordered the hospitalization of the widow and took immediate steps to have the son placed in our Masonic Home.

All this was done while two subordinate lodges, notwithstanding their solemn obligations, were trying to evade responsibility for these unfortunate persons.

He issued an edict that a Brother who had failed to state in a petition that he had been rejected by another lodge was an irregularly made Mason, and without any Masonic standing whatsoever, and he directed that his name be stricken from the roll.

The Grand Lecturer appears to be the right man in the right place. He said:

Perhaps too many Apprentices have knocked at our West Gate for passing to the Degree of Fellow Craft when neither within the lodge, nor without, was there any to ponder the fact that those knocks allude to the three jewels of a Fellow Craft, without the influence of which the conferring of the Master's Degree is often ineffective. To quote from the printed monitor.

"The Attentive Ear receives the sound from the Instructive Tongue, and the Mysteries of Free Masonry are safely lodged in the repository of Faithful Breasts."

Ritual is fundamental in Free Masonry.

No alien hand may be laid upon the Ark that houses the holy vessels, nor may untrained lips chant the litany of the ancient craft: else trouble will ensue.

The total receipts for the Masonic Home during the year amounted to \$69,240.

P.G.M. Tavenner quoted in his In Memoriam address these old lines:

"I feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled,
Whose garlands dead
And all but he departed."

Membership 33,506. Gain 530.

George W. McClintic represents Canada, and Joseph Fowler of Sudbury, represents West Virginia with us.

M.W. Bro. Tavenner again writes an able review.

Alberta receives his commendation:

The Grand Master's Address is a model for terse and yet adequate report of his year's work and the maturity of his Grand Lodge through its accomplishments during its twenty-one years, having already 140 chartered lodges with 12,672 members.

Arizona produces this comment on "American" universality.

. . . I firmly believe that we are under a holy obligation to carry on our struggle and secure the confraternization of all Masons scattered all over North America, Central America and South America.

Of our Grand Master's address at Fort William and of our meeting there our colleague says:

The Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge and delivered a very fine address full of sentiment that affords good reading, and also report of his busy year of service to the Craft.

Such an array of talented and loved Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, thus honoring with their presence, was enough to inspire the fine address that was delivered by Grand Master Rowland.

The report on the Condition of Masonry is approved in the following words:

This is a fine report, from which if space permitted we would gladly excerpt for the benefit of our own Craftsmen, regardless of cost of printing same.

Of our own review he kindly speaks in friendly terms:

The Grand Correspondent, furnishes a splendid report in his review, and such a nice Foreword: he devotes more than three pages to West Virginia, and we thank him for his notice of our attempt last year. His review of our Grand Jurisdiction shows that he not only analyzes but he also discriminates, and of all reports from the Round Table none are more entertaining.

Under England he again emphasizes the attack upon malicious and persistent black-balling. England has found a way of expelling the offender and our colleague adds—"that sounds good and sound law to our ears".

Our Brother ends by endorsing Wyoming's distinction between better Masons and bigger Masons.

WISCONSIN

M.W. Fred J. Marien, Grand Master.

The Eighty-second Annual Communication was opened in Milwaukee, June 8th, 1926.

The following invocation was uttered by the Grand Master:

To the Supreme Master of the Universe, in Whom we place our unfaltering trust, we humbly pray for light to guide.

In his address he says:

Throughout the history of more than sixty centuries, Masonry has been the warden of a priceless talisman which has brought not only to those who have possessed it, but to those with whom these have come into contact, a refining influence. Masons of all times have represented the best in civic and patriotic endeavor. Fidelity to home and loved ones, patriotism and righteous living are the result of adherence to Masonic teachings. Masonry has been the pulse beat in the onward march of civilization.

The founders of Freemasonry erected, quietly and efficiently, a magnificent physical temple to the Sublime Jehovah. Repeated destruction of that physical temple did not in the least thwart the growth of speculative Masonry, which has held fast to the faith.

From the beginning unto the present, Masons have been measured on the level of equality, by their squareness, and on the perpendicular of their faith. As long as these tests are rigorously observed, Masonry will serve as a leaven which shall permeate and raise the whole lump of humanity.

He favors Masonic trials by commission as we do:

Masonic trials by commission have in my opinion resulted in great good to the Craft. Thereby has been avoided the cumbersome, unduly lengthy trial by the brethren. Brethren of good judgment and learning who are unswayed by sentiment, have been selected by your Grand Master to constitute commissions for the trial of cases in which charges have been duly preferred against Masons for violation of their obligations and Masonic laws.

From close observation I believe that trial by commission has resulted in the conviction and punishment of Masonic offenses which might otherwise, in a trial by a subordinate lodge, have been unjustly condoned.

Among his decisions we find:

A lodge cannot subscribe and pay for shares of stock in a community memorial hospital nor hold yearly membership therein.

Can two or more lodges meet in the same lodge room and open their lodges simultaneously? No.

Melody Lodge wishes to hold lodge in the pasture of their Senior Warden. There is a natural amphitheater protected from observation from all sides. It is located from the road some little distance.

Answer: Your request to hold lodge in a natural amphitheater must be denied.

Question: Is the ordinary member of a lodge permitted to be present at a trial under the commission form of trial?

Answer: Yes. All members of a lodge of which the accused is one are permitted to be present.

The proposition is made that various fraternities and orders contribute to the purchase of instruments for a boys' band. Should our lodge donate their funds for the purchase of band instruments?

Answer: No.

As to Dispensations he says:

I have adhered to the view expressed by former Grand Masters that the discretionary powers vested in the Grand Master should not be invoked except where a condition arises which requires a suspension of a regulation to prevent a hardship which can in no other way be avoided.

Of imposters he mentions this incident:

An imposter preying on the Craft, having in his possession due cards from various lodges of other jurisdictions, necessitated a communication to the various Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction by the Grand Master.

Were this Grand Lodge affiliated with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, this communication would have been superfluous.

He encourages the presentation of Bibles to candidates:

A number of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction have adopted the practice of presenting a Bible to each Master Mason raised. I believe this is a direct result of a lecture by your Grand Master, delivered on "The Great Light of Masonry" in several lodges during the past year.

He disapproves of the name Masonic being used in connection with a Cemetery and says:

The name "Masonic" in this connection is unwarranted and certainly creates a false impression. As a matter of fact, this is not a Masonic cemetery you are advertising but merely has several sections available to Masons.

Of the corporate rights asked for by Negro Masons he wrote to the Secretary of State as follows:

I am reliably informed that application has been made for a charter under the corporate name of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall African Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin.

In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin permit me to enter a protest against the granting of that charter.

This reminds us of our own experience in Ontario.

The Grand Master thus closes:

Standing on the brink of a vast future, we glory in the past achievements of Freemasonry. We go forward toward the unknown country confidently, for we possess that faith which passeth all understanding.

Canada was represented by Charles A. Adams.

A notable address was delivered by Bro. W. A. Ganfield and so striking are portions of it that we reproduce them at some length:

We are not zealous for the increasing size of the fraternity, but we are extremely zealous for the increasing power, influence and service of the fraternity.

You could walk into my delightful little city of Waukesha this afternoon and ask the first twenty citizens you meet to name for you twenty outstanding citizens of our town. An overwhelming majority of the men named would be members of the Masonic fraternity and probably active members in one or more of the Masonic bodies. You can ask the same twenty men or any other twenty men you meet to name the most important community and service agencies in the city and I doubt seriously whether one man out of the twenty will name the Masonic Lodge as being among the agencies working for community uplift and community good. This ought not to be. There are increasing numbers of the men who are members of our Masonic fraternity throughout the state that are constantly seeking membership in other clubs and organizations in order that they may find a worthy channel through which to express their community interests and their community service. It is a growing and increasing conviction of mine that Masonry can better justify itself as an organization for community inspiration, community uplift and community welfare than it can as

a mere mill for the grinding of candidates through the several degrees. Frankly, you are familiar as I am with lodges of this Craft who initiate candidates through the several degrees, and wait longingly for months and even years, to greet them again within the lodge room. Why is this? There is a reason, and that reason is to be found in no larger nor lesser fact than the failure to provide for these men some friendly fellowship and some service opportunity.

Inherited institutions, organizations, and faiths have constant need to be revitalized. Each new generation should discover the new spirit and new meaning of our institutions and our faiths. The church has sometimes lost her grip and weakened her powers because she was so extremely hesitant to readapt her program to the changing conditions of people's lives. Governments have sometimes been overturned because the leadership failed to observe the changing social and economic life of the people and failed to sense their changing temper. What has been true of institutions, of governments, and of churches, is equally true of an organization like ours.

Candidly and seriously I believe it is possible, I know it is possible, for Masons through the channel of Masonry to perform a service so large and so important in type and character that Wisconsin will become a better state to live in.

The Committee on Masonic Research say:

Perhaps the most important work of the Committee has been had through the traveling libraries. We now have twenty of them in circulation. They furnish some very excellent books to the brethren, many of whom thereafter become regular readers of Masonic literature. Some of our lodges have started libraries of their own.

The Committee on Masonic Education made a most thoughtful and thought-producing report:

We have lost our perspective, our sense of relativity. We are making the conferring of degrees the "be all and the end all" of our existence. "Work", Masonically speaking, is purely ritualistic. It is acting, not living. Such was not the case with our ancient brethren. To them ritual, so far as they had any, was a means not an end. They performed a very real and enduring service for mankind.

Commercialism is not missing from the picture. The need or desire for revenue has resulted in lax methods in the selection of material.

This is a challenge which we fail to accept at our peril. WHAT CORPORATE CONTRIBUTION IS 20TH CENTURY MASONRY MAKING TO WORLD CIVILIZATION? Does it speak with a living voice, that the world will hear and heed, upon any of the vital issues that confront humanity?

What program does the Masonic brotherhood offer, looking to the advancement of business ethics, of industrial accord, the amelioration of social ills? With a subtle and pernicious propaganda, boring from without and from within, weakening the foundations of the American Government and its Republican Institutions, in a day of lawlessness and disrespect for authority, is every Masonic Lodge in American standing, militantly for loyalty to our country and its institutions and respect for law?

Membership 56,987. Net gain 2,160.

The Committee on Obituaries report beautifully:

"Go to now, ye that say, to-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell and get gain, whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."—(Jas. 4:13, 14).

The gifts to the Masonic Home and Hospital during the year have been numerous and that the Home is attractive will be apparent:

We have been cheered by words of commendation from visitors, friends and brethren, not only in our own state but from other states.

From one of the Memorials prepared by P.G.M. Shaffer we take the following verse:

His mortal clay has ended its brief day,
The spirit passes from its tenantry.

But Time and Recollection gaze—and judge the life
was good.

Before us stretches on the way he trod;
We, too, can travel on the Road of Right—

A man has shown the course where men may journey
to the night.

Wisconsin was represented by the venerable and esteemed R.W. Bro. Henry Rush of Peterboro, who has since died—universally regretted.

The Correspondence Report is prepared by M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, which is warrant for its worth. He says:

Its preparation, while laborious, has been a delightful task. It is the twenty-ninth which we have submitted.

Under California we find:

In one lodge the Ku Klux Klan played smash with the Institution so that in the interest of harmony the Grand Master felt impelled to arrest the Charter.

Of Canada he says and we do not understand:

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge come to us greatly abbreviated, and it is impossible to ascertain just when the Communication was held, who was present, or who were elected as its officers.

Our copy of the Proceedings is complete. The copy of the address of the Grand Master distributed at Grand Lodge must alone have come into his hands.

From Illinois' review we take the following:

He very evidently is in favor of all lodge trials being conducted by a trial commission, saying:—

"If there is any one thing which tends more to create dissension and inharmony in a lodge and to impair its usefulness, than a Masonic trial, the writer has yet to learn of it."

Iowa is justly proud of its Masonic Library, the largest of its kind in the world. Last year 4,382 volumes were added.

The review of Quebec praises as so many reviews do, the eloquent oration of Rabbi Merritt, and he adds after reproducing several pages, the following commendatory words:

Whatever portion of the present review may be omitted by our readers we hope the foregoing will not be passed over. We make no apology for quoting thus extensively from it on account of the ennobling and inspiring utterances it contains.

In conclusion our colleagues writes these words of greeting:

We wish to thank our Brother Reviewers for the many words of appreciation given us during the year and also many of our Wisconsin brethren for their commendation of our work. It is the thing that makes the effort seem worth the while and calls forth the best one is capable of. The Order of De Molay is everywhere in favor. The Klan is not as much in evidence as it was a few years ago. It seems to be destined to be short lived or, if not, it is not as aggressive in its endeavor to make it appear that it is being sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity.

Masonic Homes are well nigh universal among the American Grand Lodges and are everywhere doing good work in alleviating the wants of the unfortunate members of the Craft and those having claims upon them.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING

Frank S. Knittle, M.W. Grand Master.

The Fifty-second Annual Communication was held at Casper, 8th September, 1926.

No less than nineteen Past Grand Masters reported for duty and for honour at the altar.

The beginning of the ceremonies is thus recorded:

The Grand Marshal retired and returned with the "Stars and Stripes" and presented it at the Altar. The brethren sang "America" and then the Grand Master ordered the Flag placed in the Grand East.

The Grand Master's portrait delineates a man of thought and firmness.

He speaks in his address of the short talk Bulletins of the Masonic Service Association which have been mailed to the various lodges, as containing much valuable information.

With regard to Italian Masonry he says "while we recognize that the attitude or policy of our government is non-interference in the domestic affairs of foreign states, . . . should we not offer at least a protest against the ill-treatment accorded our Masonic brethren"

Three corner-stones were laid.

Among his decisions is the following:

Shall the lodge retain or return to the heirs, \$45.00 paid upon delinquent dues by a suspended brother, who died before a committee on reinstatement was appointed.

Answer: It is my belief that as it is probable that the brother throughout the period of his delinquency did not or could not avail himself of the privileges of Masonry, that his reinstatement after payment of dues was delayed through oversight on the part of the lodge, and that therefore the brother upon his death could not receive Masonic burial, the money should, as a matter of justice, be returned to his heirs. (Approved).

Membership 7,723. Increase 254.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead present a unique report from which we take the following clauses:

Fouche: "Death is an eternal sleep."

Longfellow:

"Then came the hour of sleep, death's
Counterfeit, nightly rehearsal

Of the great silent Assembly, the Meeting of shadows,
 where no man
 Speaketh, but all are still, and the peace and rest are un-
 broken!"

But it is an entirely different sphere to others:

Vespasian, the Roman, was not thinking of a place of rest. He asked his attendants to raise him upon his feet that he might die standing, as befitted a Roman Emperor.

In our code we say "The soul never dies, the physical body is but a garment and the soul goes on in endless evolution in worlds to which this beautiful physical world of ours can bear no manner of comparison.

Between the visible and the invisible, between heaven and earth, rolls no impassable gulf. All life is one and inseparable. All truth is one and indivisible.

"Time brings not death, it brings but changes;
 I know he rides, but rides afar,
 To-day some other planet ranges
 And camps tonight upon a star
 Where all his other comrades are."

The Committee on Jurisprudence give an interesting report, one part dealing with the difference between this question asked in petitions for initiation—"Is he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors?" and what was attempted to be substituted therefor, namely, "is he addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors?" The emphasis on intemperate and the disguised effort to support the Volstead Act will be apparent.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report in the experienced hands of Bro. J. M. Lowndes could not but be excellent.

Under Canada our colleague analyzes the address of the Grand Master and of the fine Report on the Condition of Masonry by the late Bro. Shanks.

Of our review he says and quotes the afterword:

Wyoming receives consideration, with several quotations from the Grand Master's address, from the History of Free masonry of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, and from the report of the fraternal correspondence.

Under the Grand Lodge of England he quotes:

That the third century of our Sister's existence may be still more prosperous than the second has been, and that the close relations which have always existed between English and Irish Freemasons may continue to the end of time.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Chile.

And he gives us this from North Dakota:

"For there in the East we dreamed the dreams
Of the things we hoped to do;
But here in the West, the Crimson West,
The dreams of the East come true."

His conclusion is worthy:

We hope that the brethren who read this review of other Grand Jurisdictions will find a little profit in return for their time spent, and if they do, our labors will not have been in vain.

I find when I smile on other folks,
In a kindly sort of way,
It makes them smile in a friendly style,
An' I just feel good all day.
While the folks that smile at that smile o' mine,
May smile on somebody, too,
Who will spread the style of the friendly smile,
An' that somebody may be you.

YORK GRAND LODGE—(MEXICO)

John L. Newell, M.W. Grand Master.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of York Grand Lodge of Mexico was held April 1st, 1926, in the City of Mexico. Five Past Grand Masters were present.

P.G.M. Stephen Motta was presented with his commission from England to act as their Representative in Mexico, also with jewel of office.

Nineteen Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call.

The Grand Master's address holds its own with the best. We make the following citations:

When pleasantly occupied Time flies quickly by, and thus with surprising speed a year has passed away and I am called upon to render an account to you of the talent which you entrusted to my care.

At times the work has been heavy and the responsibility great enough to make one new to his task take sober thought and slower action.

Other Grand Lodges exist far outnumbering ours in subordinate lodges and individual membership. Long and firmly established, wealthy and renowned, they serenely follow the paths their fathers trod before them, and from

many of them we receive the hand of good fellowship and the word of good cheer, to speed us calmly on our way to the same Eternal Goal.

Yet though few in numbers and unimposing in strength as we may seem to be, we have kept the faith and followed the precepts of Freemasonry through troubled times and upon all occasions. It is a fine thing to be a member of this Grand Jurisdiction, which has made its way safely through years of anxiety and of troubles, without yielding to foes or whining to friends.

In speaking of the late P.G.M. Marshall of Indiana, he says:

The distinguished Ex Vice-President of the United States, in listening to his address to seven hundred young men I came to know what a great and loveable man he really was, and what a fine influence his life had been upon his country.

Of Texas he speaks in a conciliatory spirit:

During these years when we have been unfortunately separated as Grand Lodges, and will help to bring back the day when once more we shall be openly friendly.

He makes the following ruling regarding the application of a Brother to affiliate, and lays down these requirements:

Should the petitioner pass the Ballot, you will then administer to him the Obligations of the Three Degrees, together with an oath of Affiliation, under which he will swear allegiance and obedience to our Grand Lodge and your Subordinate Lodge. The obligations are made necessary by reason of the fact that we are not in regular fraternal relations with the Lodge in question.

As to the growth of the Grand Lodge he says:

On the other hand, 46 members were suspended for non-payment of dues, 29 dimitted and 11 passed on to the Celestial Lodge above and one was expelled having been found guilty in the courts of Los Angeles of an attempt to kidnap Mary Pickford and sentenced to a term in prison.

The net gain for 1925 was 3 compared with a loss of 34 members in 1924, which shows progress and I predict a much greater progress during 1926.

He commends the monthly paper issued under the name of the York Rite Trestle Board.

Of his travels abroad he says, again referring to Texas:

Masons expressed regret over the severance of the satisfactory fraternal relationship that had existed between us for 30 years and surprise that while Texas Masons sojourn-

ing among us were not expressly forbidden to visit the many evil places temptingly placed in their paths in this Republic, that they were forbidden under dire penalties to visit our Masonic Lodges where they might be aided in misfortune or strengthened to resist scares the devil temptingly spread to entrap them.

Of a certain manifesto that had been issued with regard to State and Church in Mexico he says:

This Manifesto will be published in our Proceedings and I do not desire to comment upon it more than to say that as Masons our only political duty is "to conform cheerfully to the laws of the country in which we reside" and that Masonry is concerned with religion only so far as to teach that "reverence for Deity which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness."

He thus concludes:

Let us be friendly and kindly to all who seek Masonic Light, whether within our lodges or under other Jurisdictions. Let us not quarrel with those who differ from us in their ideals and workings, being tolerant with all and asking a like respect for our own ideals and sentiments.

Membership 907.

The Committee report on the increased number of lodges which are accumulating Libraries. Does Mexico set Ontario an example in this respect?

Reports from twelve Districts were submitted.

In Memoriam pages to the honoured dead of sister Jurisdictions are printed and a long list of lodges (including Canada) whose members are admitted to their lodges as visitors, is given.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Stephen Motta, who gives credit for most of it to M.W. Bro. Marcus A. Loevy.

Canada's Proceedings are not reviewed.

From the introduction we take the following:

We know of Jurisdictions where the small amount of \$4.00 or \$5.00 is assessed for dues. An automobile ride costs almost that much. Why not give up such a small evanescent pleasure for one time in order to pay promptly the dues pending and help the lodges in their great and glorious work of building the House of the Lord.

The racing to get into something higher is still active, but in many Jurisdictions the curb is being tightened and slowly the Craft are being advised that all that is worth while in real Ancient Craft Masonry is to be found in the three degrees.

Under Egypt he says that the lodges there work in Arabic, English, Greek and French.

The report reprints up to date statistics regarding the cost of Masonic Homes and their maintenance.

The edicts and proclamations issued by the Grand Lodges of the Republic reaffirming their full adhesion to the Federal Constitution are reported in full.

From the review of the Philippine Islands we take the following:

The reviewer would like to have the brethren interested in this work. He has labored many weary hours to give a brief exposition of some activities which are being carried on in the Masonic World. Only a few hours are necessary for reading these reviews and learning something of the current Masonic History.

None except the Reviewers know the "weary hours" necessary to write a Report on Foreign Correspondence, and the knowledge necessary to make it one of value to the Jurisdiction in particular and the Fraternity in general. It is of immense value in disseminating true Masonic teachings.

And under West Virginia we find this modern touch:

Do not fear being misunderstood; and never waste a minute thinking about your enemies. Try to fix firmly in your mind what you would like to do and then without violence of direction you move straight to the goal.

(Some of our readers have said this is not always so—they play golf, and concentrate and have followed all directions and the ball will insist on not going straight to the hole.)

Grand Master, C. C. James.

Grand Secretary, C. I. Arnold, Mexico City.

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON,

P.G.M.

Belleville, July, 1927.

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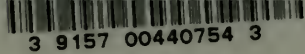
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